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## AN INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Canada Ukraine Chamber of Commerce is a federally incorporated non-profit corporation created last year; its name is registered as a trademark under Section 9 of the Patent and Trademark Act across Canada. It is the brain child of the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Federation, the Government of Ukraine, and a number of Canadian companies presently doing business in Ukraine. It is supported by the Ukrainian Canadian Professional Business Federation, an organization of some 6,000 businessmen and firms across the country, organized in 28 business clubs in the major urban centres. It is also supported by the Government of Ukraine.

The Chamber has its head office in Toronto, and affiliate offices in Edmonton and Montreal. The Ukraine-Quebec Business Council is an integral part of the Chamber and will coordinate the efforts of the Chamber in the province of Quebec. We have enlisted the active support of the Government of Ukraine for the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce. We have also made arrangements for a permanent office in Kyiv through the offices of the government, and have enlisted the support and active cooperation of the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and three other major business associations in Ukraine: The Ukrainian National Assembly of Entrepreneurship, The Ukrainian Union of Industries and Entrepreneurs, and The League of Ukrainian Enterprises with Foreign Capital.

The principal objectives of the Chamber of Commerce are to assist Canadian business in developing trade and investment opportunities between Ukraine and Canada, as well as consulting, advising and lobbying both the Canadian and Ukrainian governments on issues affecting trade and investment in both countries. The Chamber is envisaged as a bi-lateral Chamber of Commerce.

The strength of the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce, as opposed to any other Canadian organization practicing in Ukraine, will lie in the fact that the Chamber has the official approval and support of the Government of Ukraine; and also in the fact that through its many members in the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Federation, it will have the cultural and linguistic advantage of knowing the country, its people, and therefore being able to help all members of the CUCC in establishing solid and effective business relationships with Ukrainian industries and businesses.

The CUCC will provide its members, through the business publication *Ukraine-Canada Policy and Trade Monitor*, on-going current information about Ukraine-Canada relations, and will include the activities of the Chamber of Commerce and its members. The membership fees of the CUCC will include a subscription to the *Monitor*.

It is envisaged that the first major event of the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce will be a formal conference in Kyiv with the Ukrainian counterpart organizations noted above and their membership in the Fall of 1994. Preliminary planning of the conference is already underway.

I am inviting you and your company to become a member of the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce. A membership application form is included in this *Monitor*, which I hope that you will fill out and return to me at your earliest convenience. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

*Bohdan P. Onyschuk*