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CANADA'S \$11.5 MILLION ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR UKRAINE

Ottawa, March 31, 1994 ... Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced a series of new Canadian Assistance initiatives designed to address pressing environmental, health and social issues in Ukraine.

"These new initiatives are providing practical, immediate assistance in areas of primary assistance to the Ukrainian people. They underline Canada's special relationship with Ukraine and our commitment to help Ukraine address some of the most difficult challenges during this period of transition," said Mr. Ouellet.

One project is designed to help with the rehabilitation of the Dnipro river, the source of drinking water for 70 percent of Ukraine's population. The second will train Ukrainian physicians in the areas of maternal and infant health care. The third, an assistance package, will address emergency health needs in Ukraine, including essential supplies for pregnant women and children, and vaccines. The assistance package totals \$11.5 million.

Mr. Ouellet made the announcement in Kyiv following meetings with President Leonid Kravchuk and other Ukrainian leaders.

He also signed a declaration on "special partnership," which envisions Canada assisting Ukraine in its dealings with global organizations such as the International Monetary Fund and the Organization for Economic Development.

A separate **Agreement on Friendship and Cooperation** was initialed and is expected to be signed at an early date.

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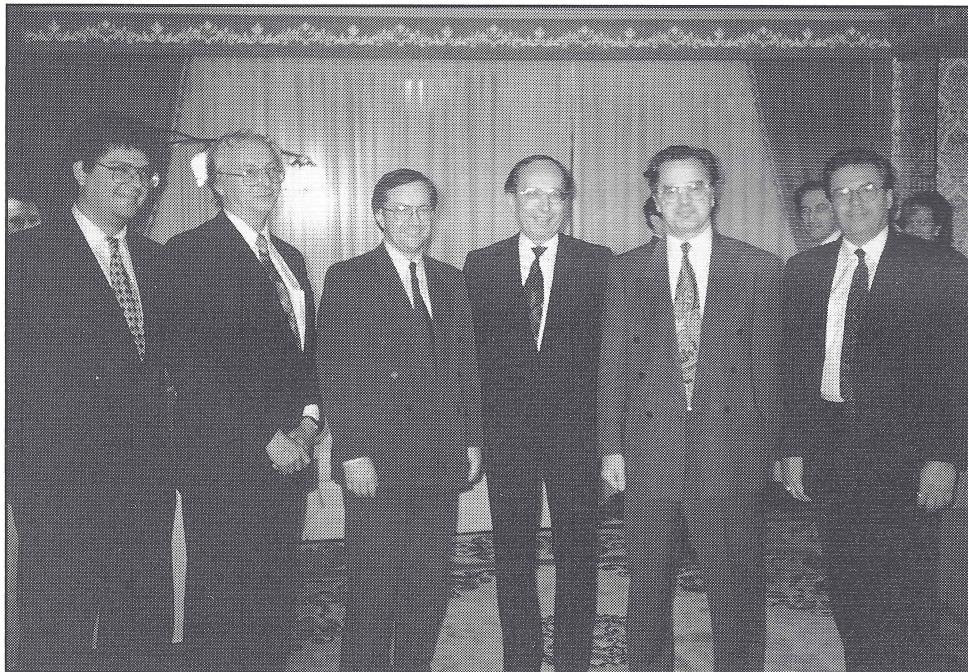
UKRAINE'S DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER IN OTTAWA FOR TALKS

Ottawa, April 27-28 ... Ukraine's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Borys Tarasyuk, came to Ottawa to hold talks with senior officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Finance. These meetings followed the visit to Ukraine of Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, and focused on enhancing the special relationship that exists between the two countries in a number of key areas, including nuclear disarmament and nuclear safety.

As Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and Chairman of the National Committee on Disarmament, Mr. Tarasyuk participated in a number of International Conferences on Policy-making and Ukraine's Foreign Policy. Earlier in his distinguished career, he served as Chief of the Department of Political Analysis and Planning, and at Ukraine's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. Most recently, he was part of Ukraine's advance team in Washington for talks that led to the historic tri-partite declaration signed by Presidents Bill Clinton, Borys Yeltsin and Leonid Kravchuk in Moscow on January 14, 1994.

In Ottawa, Mr. Tarasyuk also spoke to the Canada Centre for Global Security on national Security Issues in Ukraine's Foreign Policy.

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Ukraine's Deputy Foreign Minister Borys Tarasyuk at a reception in the Ukrainian Embassy residence following his address to the Canada Centre for Global Security in Ottawa. L-r: Monitor editors Andrij Hluchowecy and Orest Dubas, Minister Tarasyuk, Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce Bohdan Onyschuk, Ambassador Victor Batyuk and Ukrainian Canadian Congress President Oleh Romaniw.