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*Excellency,*

*It is an honour and a great pleasure to welcome you and Mrs Kuchma to Canada on behalf of all Canadians, and in particular, the one million Ukrainian-Canadians for whom this is a proud moment. Two years ago this month, my wife and I made a State Visit to Ukraine, visiting both Kyiv and my ancestral home in Bukovyna. We have unforgettable memories... It is a particular honour for Canada that you have chosen our country for your first State Visit abroad. Your presence here reinforces the special relationship between our two countries, and the historic links between our peoples...*

*Mr. President, welcome to Canada!*

*Excerpts from the speech of the Rt. Hon. Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Governor General of Canada, on the occasion of the arrival of President Kuchma of Ukraine, RIDEAU HALL*



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