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*"In its history, the Ukrainian people have experienced a number of tragic events, but every time have found the courage and endurance to alleviate pain, to restore and revive what had been lost. The value of historic experience consists in making use of it for building the future for one's people, in efforts to enrich and improve on the achievements of predecessors, and to go further in preparing the ground for future generations.*

*It is with such an outlook and hope that the people of independent Ukraine live at present. On obtaining our independence we have faced a number of problems. We have faced new tasks, new obstacles, but, at the same time, we have acquired the feeling of a responsible people, who should rely primarily on themselves, on their own efforts and ability to learn from mistakes of the past, as well as to make use of the good advice and assistance of friends.*

*Our people cannot be satisfied with the present state of affairs in our country. It is clear to everyone that resolute cardinal changes are necessary to get rid of the burden of the past - changes in the economy, as well as in politics - and to this end, Ukraine critically needs support on the part of the international community...*

*The life of a President is to serve his people and to serve his government. The Ukraine of my dreams, the Ukraine that I cherish is territorially and spiritually unified, democratic, neighbourly, independent, and a wealthy state by both European and world standards.*

*I want to create such conditions now in Ukraine that Western investors and particularly Canadians will feel at home."*

*President Kuchma, Edmonton Banquet with the Ukrainian Canadian Community, Edmonton*



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