



## UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS MAJOR PARTNER IN CANADA'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR UKRAINE

*The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) is an umbrella council with representation from 31 national organizations comprising close to a thousand affiliate member organizations. The national body has six provincial councils (Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia), 40 local branches and representatives in cities across Canada (from Dartmouth to Vancouver), a UCC Ottawa Bureau in the Nation's capital and a number of standing committees including one specifically dealing with Canada-Ukraine relations.*

### CANADA-UKRAINE PARTNERS PROGRAM (CUPP)

#### Program Summary

Since the declaration of independence in 1991, Ukraine has been attempting to build a state based on democratic and market-oriented principles. The lack of effective decision-making at the macro-level in Ukraine is hampering the process of economic and social transition, while at the same time a demonstrated willingness exists at the grass-roots to proceed with reforms. The Canada-Ukraine Partners Program seeks to contribute to the reform process by providing a mechanism which will address these grass-roots needs in Ukraine.

The Canada-Ukraine Partners Program is a twelve-month program, consisting of an integrated series of mechanisms designed to place a large number of Canadian volunteer advisors in Ukraine and to bring Ukrainian volunteers to Canada as trainees at host institutions and organizations. It is anticipated that up to 160 Canadians and up to 40 Ukrainians will participate in a direct "people to people" approach to the transfer of skills and on-the-job training in policy-making, organizational

### LAUNCHING THE CUPP PROGRAM

*Ottawa, August 23, 1994...* Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced the launching of the Canada-Ukraine Partners Program (CUPP) to promote democratic development and support the transition to a market-based economy in Ukraine through the implementation of small-scale, practical, technical assistance projects. The Government is to contribute approximately \$2.5 million to this one-year program.

"This new program is testimony to Canada's special partnership with Ukraine and our commitment to support the economic and democratic reform process in that country. The program will draw on the strong human links which underpin Canada-Ukraine relations," said Mr. Ouellet.

The main objective of the program is to strengthen Ukrainian institutions and organizations in the public and private sectors, which are active in the areas of public administration, health, agriculture and civil society. Approximately 160 Canadian volunteers, will undertake short-term practical assignments in Ukraine and 40 Ukrainians will travel to Canada for short-term training.

It is estimated that over 50 organizations and institutions in Ukraine will be strengthened through the transfer of skills through this initiative. The program will also facilitate the creation of 25 to 35 ongoing institutional links between Canadian and Ukrainian institutions.

The program will be managed by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, a non-governmental organization based in Winnipeg. It will also involve the Canadian Bureau for International Education, The Canadian Society for International Health, The Agriculture Institute of Canada, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and The Institute of Public Administration of Canada.

This initiative is part of Canada's ongoing technical assistance program with Ukraine managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. More than \$27 million has been committed to date in support of some 60 projects. Funding for this program was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

Former Canadian Trade Commissioner with the department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Mykola Switucha has been appointed CUPP Program Manager.

management and infrastructure development, delivery of services or improved production in change-oriented institutions.

The Canada-Ukraine Partners Program is comprised of four components: Partners in Health, Partners in Public Management, Partners in Agrifood and Partners for Civil Society.

It is expected that the Canada-Ukraine Partners Program will be largely targeted in nature, responding to priorities identified through negotiations between Canadian and Ukrainian partner

organizations. To a lesser extent (approximately 20%), the Canada-Ukraine Partners Program will serve as a responsive funding mechanism for Canadians indicating their interest in assisting Ukraine in the reform process by developing their own proposals. In order to amplify the impact of individual Canadian volunteer assignments, up to 40 Ukrainian volunteers will travel to Canada to be hosted by Canadian organizations and institutions which are most suitable to their areas of specialty.