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CANADA ANNOUNCES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS FOR POLAND

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced two new Canadian technical assistance projects to support political and economic reform in Poland. The first project will help to modernize the Polish dairy industry, while the second will introduce a new Canadian volunteer youth service.

"These new initiatives build on Canada's well-established program of technical assistance to Poland and underline our commitment to support Poland during this period of transition. They will draw upon Canada's world-class agricultural expertise and the energy of our youth to work as partners with Poland in furthering political and economic reform," said Mr. Ouellet.

The agricultural project is a four-year, \$2.3-million initiative to improve the efficiency of the Polish dairy industry in the district of Siedlce, 80 kilometres east of Warsaw. The second new initiative is a pilot, youth service project to support young Canadian volunteers' participation in the process of reform in Central and Eastern Europe.

Mr. Ouellet made the announcement in Warsaw following meetings with President Lech Walesa, Prime Minister Waldemar Pawlak, Marshal (Speaker) of the Sejm Jozef Oleksy and Foreign Minister Andrzej Olechowski.

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