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CANADA ANNOUNCES ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR UKRAINE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today 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 importance 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 Dniepr 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 Kiev following meetings with President Leonid Kravchuk and other Ukrainian leaders.

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