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McDOUGALL ANNOUNCES \$5 MILLION IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced a \$5-million technical assistance package to assist Ukraine in developing its infrastructure and to meet urgent needs.

Mrs. McDougall made the announcement in Kiev, where she opened Canada's new diplomatic mission and met with Chairman Leonid Kravchuk and other Ukrainian leaders.

"Drawing upon the strengths of the nearly one million Canadians of Ukrainian descent, we are expanding our links with the people of Ukraine through technical assistance, trade credits and by encouraging private investment," Mrs. McDougall said.

The Minister announced two immediate projects which will be funded out of the \$5-million assistance package:

- \$1 million will help victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Funds will be sent to the Special Clinic for the Protection of Children Against Radiation in Kiev, and three community-based psychological rehabilitation centres for Chernobyl victims in Ukraine, Byelorussia and Russia.
- \$700,000 will help in the transition to a competitive agricultural system. The funds will allow a consortium of Canadian agricultural colleges and universities to train faculty at two post-secondary educational institutions in Ukraine in the development of new curricula.