Complementary to the presentations to the private sector in Montreal, Toronto and Edmonton, the Soviet delegation will hold meetings with government departments, private sector organizations and other agencies in Ottawa on June 28. The Ottawa sessions will focus on technology transfer opportunities with public sector agencies and departments, and will build on existing co-operative science and technology arrangements between Canada and the USSR.

"The Soviet Union has long been a reliable and valued market for Canadian exports, particularly wheat," Mr. Crosbie said. "These meetings will introduce us to some of the best of their technological products, and could pave the way for a greater diversification of our bilateral trade relations."

The visit of the Soviet delegation is being organized by External Affairs and International Trade Canada, in conjunction with Industry, Science and Technology Canada, and with the cooperation of the Canada-USSR Business Council.

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