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McDOUGALL SIGNS CANADA-UKRAINE MEMORANDUM ON CONSULTATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a framework for political consultations between the governments of Canada and Ukraine. Foreign Minister Anatoly Zlenko signed on behalf of Ukraine. Both ministers are attending the 47th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

"Ukraine is an important partner for Canada, one whose views we value," said Mrs. McDougall. "In agreeing to consult on the important international issues of the day, we are adding a new and vital dimension to our relations."

The Memorandum of Understanding provides for a joint annual review of the main issues in Canadian-Ukrainian relations. Canada and Ukraine will also exchange views in advance of major international conferences and sessions of international organizations such as the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

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