

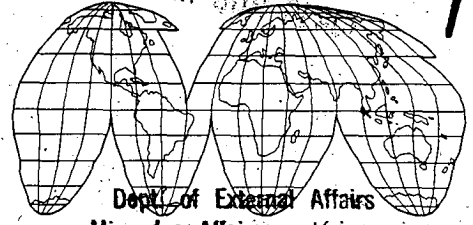
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Independent Ukraine Plays Host to Wilson and Executives

KIEV, Ukraine -- For the first time since the independence of Ukraine in 1991, a major Canadian trade delegation arrived in Kiev to explore trade and investment opportunities in that former Soviet republic. Ministers Michael Wilson and Harvie Andre and more than 50 Canadian company executives are encouraging the process of Ukrainian market reform in meetings at the highest level. Wilson and Andre discussed Canadian assistance to Ukraine's economic adjustment and prepared to sign a joint declaration on economic co-operation on Tuesday. While Canadian business executives met separately with various Ukrainian counterparts, Wilson met President Leonid Kravchuk for a late evening briefing on the unfolding diplomatic situation in the former Soviet Union, and an exchange of views on economic co-operation.

**Mrs. Landry to Attend Meeting of Revitalized
UN Economic and Social Council**

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The Minister for External Relations and International Development, the honourable Monique Landry, will attend the first high level meeting of the newly reformed United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in New York on July 6 and 7. The theme of this meeting will be "Enhancing International Co-operation for Development." Mrs. Landry will be stressing the priority Canada attaches to the new Commission on Sustainable Development, which will report to ECOSOC. "Canada fully supports the Secretary-General's actions to streamline and improve the structure of the UN Secretariat," said Mrs. Landry. "We also welcome the process of restructuring and revitalizing ECOSOC itself. Canada has been very much a part of this reform process, and we attach considerable importance to its continuation." ECOSOC is responsible for dealing with global economic and social issues within the UN system.

**Four out of Five Canadians Believe Canada Should
Be Involved in the NAFTA Negotiations**

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A public opinion survey conducted on behalf of the federal government shows that a large majority of Canadians (79 per cent) says that Canada must be involved in three-way trade negotiations with the U.S. and Mexico in order to protect Canadian interests. On international trade agreements, 51 per cent favour Canada signing a new General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and 57 per cent support the idea of freer Canada-United States trade. Fifty-eight per cent of those opposed to the FTA said they would be more likely to back the FTA if they heard "Canada's exports to the U.S. have increased as a result of tariff elimination under the Free Trade Agreement." (Under the FTA, annual exports to the U.S. are up by over \$5 billion since 1988 and reached an all-time monthly high of \$12.8 billion in March 1992.) The study, commissioned jointly by External Affairs and International Trade Canada and Employment and Immigration Canada, covered a wide range of international trade and economic adjustment questions. Based on a sample of 1509 adults across Canada, it was conducted between March 9 and March 17, 1992.

Upcoming Events

July 10-11, 1992: CSCE Summit (Helsinki, Finland)
July 23-25, 1992: ASEAN meeting (Manila, Philippines)
September 11-12, 1992: Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok, Thailand)

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