

## Ukraine

Bilateral trade with Ukraine was \$218 million in 2004. Total Canadian exports to Ukraine were \$57 million in 2004, up 83 percent since 2002. Exports from January to July of this year are up an additional 23 percent. Canada's primary exports to Ukraine include agricultural machinery, vehicles, textiles, pharmaceuticals and seafood.

Minister Peterson's visit to Ukraine will be the first of a Canadian minister since the Orange Revolution in 2004 led to a new reformist government under Viktor Yushchenko. Canada sent approximately 1,000 election observers to oversee the Ukrainian presidential elections in 2004. A strong sense of goodwill ties Canada and Ukraine. More than one million Canadians have family roots in Ukraine.

In Kyiv, Minister Peterson will meet with Ukrainian Prime Minister Yury Yekhanurov as well as Economy Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk and Foreign Affairs Minister Borys Tarasyuk.

Minister Peterson will also participate in a meeting of the Canadian Business Club. He will be available to answer questions from the media following this meeting.

There is significant market potential for Canadian goods and services in the sectors of agriculture, oil and gas, construction, and information and communications. Canada's large Ukrainian-Canadian community continues to play a significant role in trade with Ukraine.

**Event:** Meeting with Ukrainian Prime Minister Yury Yekhanurov  
(photo opportunity)

**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2005

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** 4th Floor  
Cabinet Ministers of Ukraine  
12/2 Hrushevskoho Street  
Kyiv, Ukraine

**Event:** Minister Peterson participates in meeting of Canadian Business Club  
(photo opportunity)

**Date:** Friday, October 14, 2005

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Conference Room, Ground Floor  
Hotel Radisson SAS  
22 Yaroslaviv Val Street  
Kyiv