

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF UKRAINE

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine presents its compliments to the Embassy of Canada in Ukraine and, referring to the Embassy's Note No 0576 of April 18, 1993, has the honour to inform on the following.

After the Declaration of Ukraine's Independence in August 24, 1991 some practical questions on Ukraine's succession to bilateral international agreements of the former USSR are being raised in the process of international cooperation.

In this regard, the Ministry is pleased to inform that in accordance with the Ukrainian legislation, the Law of Ukraine "On Ukraine's Succession" of September 12, 1991 and the International Law, Ukraine is one of the former USSR's full successor-states, including the succession to international agreements.

That's given, the Ministry declares, that the Government of Ukraine agrees to timely use until April 17, 1995 in Ukraine-Canada relations the Trade Agreement of February 29, 1956, concluded between the former USSR and Canada, and if before this time the use of such agreement will not be impeded or in case of mutually agreed change of the Agreement's provisions.

The Government of Ukraine assumes that during this time both sides will conduct negotiations and make positive decision on concluding a new Ukraine-Canada Trade Agreement.

The present Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Note and the abovementioned Embassy's Note will be considered an agreement which is being in force from the date of the Embassy's Note, April 18, 1993.

The Ministry proposes to begin in near future Ukraine-Canada consultations on final settlement of Ukraine's succession to other international agreements concluded by the former USSR.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Canada in Ukraine the assurances of its higher consideration.

Kiev, January 28, 1994.