

Event: Media availability - Minister Peterson with members of the Canada-Russia Business Council
Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2005
Time: 9:15 a.m.
Location: Culoir Gjeli Room
 President Hotel
 24 Bolshaya Yakimanka Ulitsa
 Moscow, Russia

Event: Opening ceremony of the Canada-Russia Business Council (speeches and photo opportunity)
Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2005
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Red Room
 President Hotel

Event: Media availability following bilateral meeting between Minister Peterson and German Gref, Russian Minister of Economic Development and Trade
Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2005
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Room TBC
 Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
 Tverskaya Yamskaya (Main Entrance)
 Moscow

Event: Opening remarks at the Canada-Russia Business Council reception
Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2005
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Atrium, 3rd Floor
 Kempinski Hotel
 1 Ulitsa Balchug
 Moscow

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.