

to co-ordinate the work of the Commission and to address questions related to investment and trade policy.

The IEC considered how future meetings should be conducted. It was agreed that they should involve government officials at the federal and regional levels as well as representatives of the private sector. It was further agreed that the next meeting of the Commission should take place in Moscow, Russia next year.

On the occasion of the Commission, bilateral agreements and MOUs were signed between the two parties in the areas of double taxation, housing, culture, television and film co-production, pharmaceuticals, and immigration co-operation. Others currently under negotiation include an air co-operation agreement, a customs co-operation agreement and a mutual legal assistance treaty.

Within the framework of the IEC meeting, Mr. Zaveryukha has travelled within Ontario, where he has held talks with business leaders and academics in the fields of agriculture and agribusiness. Mr. Zaveryukha will also be meeting with the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, during his stay in Ottawa.