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CANADA ANNOUNCES \$3.7 MILLION PARTNERS IN PROGRESS INITIATIVE WITH UKRAINE

Canadian volunteer advisors for Ukraine's public administration, agriculture and health sectors will be supported under a new two-year, \$3.7-million Partners in Progress initiative by the Government of Canada. The announcement was made today in an address by the Governor General, His Excellency, the Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, to the Supreme Rada of Ukraine.

The Partners in Progress program is designed to assist Ukraine and other countries of the region in the transition to a market economy and in the establishment of democratic institutions. The Canadian advisors will be matched with Ukrainian private and public institutions through four program components:

- The Institute of Public Administration of Canada will manage an initiative to assist in the development of government administration in Ukraine and provide expert policy advice and training to Ukrainian public officials.
- The Agriculture Institute of Canada will administer a program designed to increase the efficiency of the agriculture and agri-food business sector and promote the concepts of market-based farming services.
- A Partners in Health initiative will support the development of an effective public health care system.
- A Human Resource Development Fund administered by the Canadian Bureau for International Education will sponsor short-term assignments of Canadians to deliver hands-on, practical training designed to promote reform in a range of sectors.

"The establishment of direct people-to-people links between Canada and Ukraine is important for closer relations between our two countries," noted Mr. Hnatyshyn following his speech. "Drawing upon the skills of the nearly one million Canadians of Ukrainian descent, we are working as partners with Ukraine in the critical restructuring of its economic and political systems."