

Mr. Chairman, it is because Canada believes that our friendship is important and should be cultivated that I have announced, today, my government's intention to open a Consulate-General in Kiev. We have exchanged diplomatic notes with the Soviet government and details will be worked out as soon as possible on location, timing and other modalities. I thank you for your remarkable hospitality, for the warm and generous welcome given us by the the people of Kiev.

Mr. Chairman, I toast you and the people of Kiev and the Ukraine: and may the friendship between the peoples of Canada and the Soviet Union and Ukraine be an example for all the peoples of the world.