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OUELLET MEETS WITH SENIOR UKRAINIAN OFFICIALS ON SPECIAL TRAINING IN CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet met today with representatives of a group of 20 Ukrainian ministers, deputy ministers and assistant deputy ministers undertaking a two-week executive development program in Canada. The program includes study at the Canadian Centre for Management Development in Ottawa, a visit to an economic renewal project in Hamilton, meetings with their counterparts in various federal and Ontario government departments, and attendance at a Canada-Ukraine business conference in Toronto on October 25.

"I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to meet with this group of talented Ukrainian officials. Their participation in this executive development program illustrates the kind of valuable contribution Canada can make to the reform process in Ukraine. It also illustrates Canada's commitment to build upon our special relationship with Ukraine," said Mr. Ouellet.

During the course of the program, the group will study budget and fiscal policies in Canada, relations between politicians and bureaucrats, employment promotion programs, and health and social services. The group will also study foreign policy development, international trade and multilateral negotiations, liaison with industries, the role of trade commissioners, and the relationship between foreign policy and international trade.

The executive development program is part of Canada's assistance program with Ukraine which consists of technical, nuclear safety and humanitarian assistance. Established in 1991, it has three primary objectives: to support the transition to a market-based economy; to promote democratic development; and to increase Canadian trade and investment links with Ukraine. Managed by the Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Canadian assistance program has committed \$41 million to some 70 projects



to date. Of this total, approximately \$26 million has been disbursed.

Funding for this program was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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