



UKRAINE'S AMBASSADORS MEET IN KYIV (2)

BACK ROW (L-R): Victor Kryzhanivskiy (G.C. New York); Anatoliy Zlenko (perm. rep. U.N.); Yuriy Olenenko (Estonia); Yuriy Kochubey (France); Lubomyr Tokar (temp.C.d'A. Rep. of Slovakia); Volodymyr Blajhenchuk (G.C. Gdansk); Anatoliy Oliynyk (former G.C. Chicago); Oleksander Maydannyyk (temp. C.d'A. Israel); Yuriy Usatiy (permanent rep. to coord. org. of FSU); Stepan Turianitsia (M.F.A., Ujhorod); Yuriy Malko (C.d'A. Belgium); Yuriy Serheyev (Directorate of Info, M.F.A.).

MIDDLE ROW (L-R): Yuriy Rylach (Dep. Min.); Vadim Prymachenko (G.C. Belgrade, Yugoslavia); Serhiy Borovyk (G.C. Toronto); Vitaliy Shybko (temp. C.d'A. Lebanon); Dmytro Tkach (Hungary); Ivan Maydan (Iran); Serhiy Komisarenko (Great Britain); Anatoliy Pliushko (Japan); Anatoliy Kasianenko (Georgia); Yuriy Shcherbak (U.S.A.); Boris Korneyenko (Greece); Oleksander Taranenko (Cuba); Serhiy Mishustin (M.F.A.); Volodymyr Yelchenko (M.F.A.); Ihor Turianskiy (Turkey); Ihor Kharchenko (M.F.A.); Victor Batiuk (Canada); Valeriy Pyvovarov (temp.C.d'A. Guinea).

FRONT ROW (L-R): Valentyn Lipatov (Dep. Min.); Victor Bohatyr (Kazakhstan); Volodymyr Furkalo (President's Administration); Volodymyr Smetanin (Uzbekistan); Leonid Kuchma (Pres. of Ukraine); Hennadiy Udoenko (Minister of F.A.); Boris Tarasiuk (Belgium, First Dep. Min.); Volodymyr Khandohiy (Dep. Min.); Constantin Masyk (Finland).

● **While you see a million Ukrainians in Canada, why is the volume of the international trade so small. How can we make it larger?**

As a matter of fact, the agreements we signed with Canada are not all working here yet. This is an internal, bureaucratic process, but, after pushing each other for some time, we finally seem to be close to the practical completion of this process to put these agreements into effect. We have already faced the issue squarely and, thanks also to the efforts of Mr. François Mathys, we will complete this process. And then we will be able to trade more actively.

Parliament is paying attention and we are placing our hopes on the interparliamentary activities. Our Deputies [Members of Parliament] are supporting this current spirit of partnership and cooperation between our countries. Interparliamentary exchanges are also already taking off, such as our Parliamentary Speaker, Mr. Moroz, who was at a conference in Ottawa. This is one

of the important components of international relations as a whole that's developing at all levels. This will achieve the dynamism I was talking about. The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Group must achieve more effective cooperation. There must be more active work in this field.

● **One last question. If you could propose some initiatives to our government, what would you like to see?**

Initiatives that would preserve and strengthen that spirit of special partnership we have achieved in the relations between our two countries. This is a very important task. Even in past times, I always stressed that we should have a special relationship at the state level. And now this has come to pass. We must preserve these historic ties. We often repeat that our relations date back for a hundred years, and so it's very important that we maintain them warmly. We should look toward the future

with more confidence.

We have created a solid base on which we must further develop our relations with the participation of the provinces of Canada. In the fall we are expecting visits of Premiers of two provinces, and preparing little by little. I also know that your Deputy Prime Minister Sheila Copps [also Minister of the Environment] will be arriving in the fall for a meeting with Ukraine's Environment Minister Mr. Kostenko. Such meetings show that our relations are developing actively -- as we say, we have achieved dynamism. We talk about the necessity for this dynamism in our relations with any country, not as a one-time event that gets forgotten afterwards.

And that is why the President is paying very serious attention to ensure the implementation of all agreements we have achieved. This is especially true with Canada.