



# EMBASSY NEWS'N ACTIVITIES



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### Minister of Transport of Ukraine heads delegation to Canada

A delegation invited by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) visited Canada from 23 to 26 April 1996. Members of the delegation were I. Dankevych, Minister of Transport of Ukraine, V. Kremen, head of department of the Administration of the President of Ukraine, V. Ilin, President of *Air Ukraine*, P. Nazarenko, Rector of the Kyiv International University of Civil Aviation (KIUCA) and Deputy Rector M. Dmytrychenko.

Negotiations were conducted with officials from ICAO, International Air Transportation Association (IATA), Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and other organizations. Issues addressed were cooperation, implementation of TRANAIR (an international program for safety improvement and increasing the effectiveness of air transport, based on introduction of international standards as applied to training and competence of air transport workers), opening a Ukrainian office at ICAO, and the work of Ukrainian specialists at the ICAO Secretariat.

An agreement in principle was achieved with ICAO and IATA, to create the European Regional Aviation Safety Centre based at the KIUCA and to conduct international training programs in Kyiv as well as to hold an international conference on civil aviation, in which 50 countries are to participate.

At an official ceremony on 25 April 1996 Dr. A. Kotaite, President



Bestowing honours upon the President of ICAO Council Dr. A. Kotaite (centre). Far right, Borys Polyachenko, Embassy Secretary, S&T.

of the ICAO Council, was presented with a letter from President of Ukraine L. Kuchma, acknowledging his contribution to the development of civil aviation and international cooperation in this field, as well as an Honorary Doctorate from the Kyiv International University of Civil Aviation and a commemorative decoration from the Ministry of Transport of Ukraine.

Dr. A. Kotaite will visit Ukraine in the second half of 1996 in response to the invitation extended by President of Ukraine L. Kuchma.

### Visit of the delegation headed by Minister of Fisheries of Ukraine M. Shvedenko

The Ministry of Fisheries delegation headed by Minister M. Shvedenko visited Canada to take part in *Ukraine and Partners XX - XXI Trade Show* in Toronto from 24 April to 4 May 1996. Between 29 April and 1 May the delegation was in Ottawa, where official meetings with officials from the Fisheries and Oceans Canada took place. The Minister was accompanied by Deputy Minister O. Kovbasyuk, Head of Foreign Economic Relations Division V. Litvinov and Director General of *Ukrkrybhos* P. Sakhnevych.

Preliminary work permitted not only the discussion of issues, but also the settling of a number of important questions. The main issues addressed were the following:

- establishment of business contacts and cooperation with the Canadian department and representatives of the business community;
- possibility of signing a bilateral cooperation agreement in the field of fishing;
- Ukraine's joining NAFO (Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization).

During the negotiations conducted at three levels (meetings of heads of divisions, meetings of deputy ministers and broader meetings with ministers' participation) it was agreed to begin bilateral cooperation (a Memorandum of Understanding was signed) in the following areas:

- long-term preserving and sustaining of sea and ocean live resources;
- exchange of experience in the field of fish resources study, management, exploitation and control over their development;
- negotiations at the international level, participation in international organizations on fishing and fish studies;
- development of aquacultures and marine cultures;
- joint scientific studies, education and study of all aspects of fishing, etc.



Ukrainian Fisheries Minister M. Shvedenko (r) presents a ceremonial "bulava" to his Canadian counterpart Minister Fred Mifflin. (The bulava, a wooden mace, is Ukraine's historical symbol of authority and was bestowed by Cossack officers on their elected chieftain (Hetman) in the 16th-18th centuries.)