
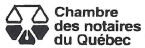




CANADA'S TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM WITH UKRAINE

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CHAMBRE DES NOTAIRES DU QUÉBEC PROVIDES NOTARIAL REFORM FOR UKRAINE

Over the course of the next 30 months, the *Chambre des notaires du Québec* will be involved in a program of cooperation with the Ukrainian notarial profession, thanks to a grant of \$1.2 million from CIDA. The announcement was made Feb. 6, 1997, during International Development Week in Canada by Federal Minister for International Cooperation and Minister responsible for Francophonie, Hon. Don Boudria, and the President of the *Chambre des notaires du Québec*, Maître Denis Marsolais.

The aim of the program is to aid in the establishment and operation of an independent and dynamic notarial profession in Ukraine.

In particular, the *Chambre des notaires du Québec* will:

- ▶ analyze Ukrainian legislation likely to have a direct impact on the exercise of the notarial profession suggest possible amendments;
- ▶ assist in the establishment of offices of the future Order of Notaries of Ukraine in Kyiv;
- ▶ help to implement several mechanisms to regulate the profession, including:
 - a registration system for members of the profession
 - a code of ethics
 - a disciplinary system
 - an indemnification plan to cover the professional liability of notaries
 - an indemnification plan for victims of fraud
 - a trust accounting system
 - a system of archival storage
 - a repertory of models of deeds, and
 - a guide to operating procedures for notarial firms.

Notaries are public officers who attest or certify such written documents as deeds or wills to make them authentic; they also take affidavits and deposition. The notarial profession exists in over 80 countries, and in



International Cooperation Minister Don Boudria (right) with Mtre. Denis Marsolais (centre) at Press Conference announcing notarial reform project. Minister Boudria is expected to make his first official visit to Central and Eastern Europe this Spring.

Quebec it has been active for 150 years, with a current 3300 members in the *Chambre des notaires du Québec*.

The new CIDA project will also include the development of model notarial deeds and the training of women notaries to encourage them to open their own private practices.

The *Chambre des notaires* intends to hire a full-time Director in the near future to administer the project from the offices of the *Chambre* in Montreal. The Director will be assisted, on a contractual basis, by several Quebec notaries who will assume specific mandates in their areas of expertise. While CIDA has provided \$1.2 million, additional funding will come from the *Chambre des notaires du Québec* and the Order of Notaries of Ukraine.

"Canadian expertise will strengthen the notarial profession in Ukraine and boost confidence among investors," Boudria said. "The success of this reform will have a significant positive impact on private-sector development."

"The *Chambre des notaires* is interested in developing this type of collaboration with foreign countries. Not only does it promote the internationalization of the profession, but it also enhances the *Chambre's* expertise, makes use of members' skills, and contributes in a concrete manner to the influence of Québec institutions abroad," stated Mtre. Marsolais. "This project once more demonstrates the dynamism of the notarial profession in Quebec and the role of the *Chambre des notaires* in developing and promoting a profession that is essential to the legal and economic system."