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LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CANADIAN WOMEN (LUCW) WELCOMES ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW CANADIAN INITIATIVES TO STRENGTHEN UKRAINE'S ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE

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TORONTO – The League of Ukrainian Canadian Women (LUCW) welcomes the recent announcement made in Kyiv by Canada's Minister of International Trade, Ed Fast, confirming Canada's newest commitments to support Ukraine's economic growth and democratic governance.

In his statement, Minister Fast emphasized that "Canada has been at the forefront of the international community's support for the Ukrainian people in their opposition to Russian aggression and the occupation of Ukraine. Canada and Ukraine have a deeply rooted historical relationship, and building a strong trade partnership is a high priority on our shared agenda."

The Canadian government's announcement includes over \$33 million in assistance for projects supporting the dairy sector, as well as activities to strengthen Ukraine's civil society and anti-corruption policies. The announcement also included expanded support for Ukraine's Economic Advisory Council.

Canada and Ukraine are also actively engaged in negotiations toward concluding a free trade agreement with Ukraine.

The League of Ukrainian Canadian Women's National President, Lisa Shymko, was honoured to be part of Minister Fast's official delegation during the Minister's historic trip to Ukraine in July of 2014, during which time the Minister and Canadian NGO representatives participated in discussions on democratic reform policies with members of Ukraine's Cabinet.

The League of Ukrainian Canadian Women recently launched an important humanitarian initiative—The Guardian Angels Ukraine Project – whose mission is to support the establishment and work of rehabilitation centres treating Ukrainian soldiers injured during Anti-Terrorist Operations in eastern Ukraine.

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