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UKRAINE: A NEW MARKET OF 53 MILLION

A Message from Ukraine's Ambassador to Canada

It gives me great pleasure to extend these greetings to all readers of the inaugural issue of the «Ukraine-Canada Policy and Trade Monitor».

This Monitor seeks to deepen and broaden Canada's bilateral relations with newly-independent Ukraine by creating a regular, informative base for Canadians who want to obtain a better understanding of the political and economic potential of this untapped market of 53 million inhabitants.

Ukraine has come a long way since proclaiming independence on August 24, 1991 and taking her rightful place in the world community of nations. In just under two short years, Ukraine has taken decisive steps towards its independent development, building a market economy and a socially just and democratic society. There are now new laws and regulations on the books safeguarding investment financing and property rights. On any given day one can read



FACTS AND FIGURES

- **Population:** 53 million
 - 68% urban ... 32% rural
 - 73% Ukrainians 22% Russians
 - 5% other (Jews, Poles,...)
- **Major Cities:**
 - Kyiv 2.6 Million capital & largest city
 - Kharkiv 1.6 million major industrial & trade centre
 - Dnipropetrovsk 1.2 million metallurgy & machine-building
 - Odesa 1.1 million major port on Black Sea
 - Donetsk 1.1 million centre of coal industry
- **Area:**
 - 603,700 km² (362,200 miles²), 1,300 km E-W, 900 km N-S
 - one of the largest countries in Europe
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