



## Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program



Mr. Speaker,

I wish to congratulate the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program for 21 years of excellence.

Thirty-five young emissaries, including Stanislava Tsarkova, embracing the highest ideals of achievement and community service, have journeyed to Canada to gain valuable perspective and experience Canada's most important democratic institution, the Parliament of Canada.



They bore witness to two issues in Parliament this past week.

A debate on democracy and a Foreign Affairs Committee meeting exploring the political chicanery in Ukraine.

Ukraine's youthful ambassadors, Ukraine's future, must return with this message:

Canada and Ukraine are inextricably linked by prior migration.



Canada was there for Ukraine – recognizing independence in 1991.

I was there for the Orange Revolution, giving support to Ukraine's wish for electoral democracy.

Once again democracy is on trial.

The people of Ukraine must not let the world-renowned example of democratic resolve of the Orange Revolution slip away.



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