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MP Maurice Vellacott elected director of Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group

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OTTAWA – On Tuesday evening of this week, Maurice Vellacott, Member of Parliament for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, was elected a Director of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group. The Parliamentary Friendship Group held its Annual General Meeting to elect its Executive Committee. The aim of the group is to provide a structure for the exchange of visits, information and ideas between Canadian parliamentarians and prominent representatives from Ukraine.

“It is a privilege to represent Canada and Ukrainian Canadians as a Director of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group,” said MP Maurice Vellacott. “In the year ahead, I look forward to working with the newly elected Chair, Conservative MP Joy Smith, and the other Directors to build on the cultural, social and economic ties that exist between our nation and Ukraine.” Vellacott said, “Some remarkable developments have happened in the Ukraine since the historic Orange Revolution in 2004.”

Canada, with over 1,100,000 Canadians of Ukrainian descent, has a longstanding and special relationship with Ukraine, which is enhanced through Parliamentary Friendship Group activities.

The new executive members, elected Tuesday December 11, 2007, are as follows:

Chair

Joy Smith, M.P.

Vice-Chairs

Hon. Raynell Andreychuk, Senator
Boris Wrzesnewsky, M.P.

Peter Goldring, M.P.
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