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TORONTO - Canadian Friends of Ukraine congratulate the Government of Canada for introducing the *Preventing Trafficking, Abuse and Exploitation of Vulnerable Foreign Workers Act*.

“The important legislative changes introduced in the *Act* will provide the tools necessary to halt the victimization of women and girls— those who have been the ongoing targets of unscrupulous international human traffickers,” said Margareta Shpir, President of Canadian Friends of Ukraine.

“In particular, we commend Canadian parliamentarian, Joy Smith, for her tireless work on this humanitarian issue. Her years of dedication and focus on the plight of these vulnerable women are indeed worthy of praise.”

“Predators who prey on vulnerable women from countries such as Ukraine, have been able to operate internationally, knowing that many governments lack the will to introduce legislation needed to curb the manner by which these traffickers function in western countries,” said Lisa Shymko, Director of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Centre.”

The Government of Canada is to be applauded for the re-introduction of this important piece of legislation.

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