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## AREA IN BRIEF

## **Central European nations** get Canadian assistance

Susan Whelan, Canada's minister for international co-operation, and Poland's Ambassador, His Excellency Pawel Dobrowolski, signed a document at the Caboto Club Friday that will see, first Poland, and then three other Central European countries receive a total of up to \$15 million in official development assistance over the next four vears.

Whelan said Poland, Slovakia, the Czech republic and Hungary will all benefit from an official development assistance program that will include Canadian training and technical assistance. Dobrolowski said the program will foster new services, ideas and contacts.