



## **Joint Statement on the Genocide in the years 1932-1933 in Ukraine (Holodomor)**

*Joint Statement at the Holodomor Conference in Oslo the 30 Aug 2023.*

*In the former Soviet Union millions of men, women and children fell victims to the cruel actions and policies of the totalitarian regime. The Great Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine (Holodomor), which took from 4 million to 10 million innocent lives and became a national tragedy for the Ukrainian people.*

*In regard to the conference organized by The Ukrainian Embassy in Norway and Support to the people of Ukraine this joint statement is signed by the participants delegates. Expressing sympathy to the victims of the Great Famine, we call upon the Norwegian Parliament to recognize Holodomor as a genocide.*

Recognizing the importance of raising public awareness on the tragic events in the history of mankind for their prevention in future, we deplore the acts and policies that brought about mass starvation and death of millions of people. We do not want to settle scores with the past, it could not be changed, but we are convinced that exposing violations of human rights, preserving historical records and restoring the dignity of victims through acknowledgement of their suffering, will guide future societies and help to avoid similar catastrophes in the future.

We also call upon the Norwegian Government to take the responsibility to get this genocide into the Norwegian textbooks in upper secondary schools. We all need that as many people as possible learn about Holodomor and consider that this knowledge will strengthen effectiveness of the rule of law and enhance respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The Holodomor has been recognized as genocide by the parliaments of 28 countries, according to the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory: Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Georgia, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Moldova, Germany, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Great Britain, United States, Hungary, France and the United States.

As participants in the Conference "Political recognition of the Holodomor as genocide" organized by the Ukrainian Embassy in Norway and Support to the people of Ukraine, we condemn the cruel policies pursued by the Stalinist regime, such as forced collectivization and food requisition, which led to the death of a significant proportion of the Ukrainian people and urge the Norwegian Government to recognize the Holodomor as a genocide by signing this joint statement.

Oslo, 30 August 2023

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