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To:
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Dear

Re: Appeal to recognize the Holodomor in Ukraine as genocide

The [name of organization] would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the people of [name of country] for supporting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, as well as the military, humanitarian, and financial support that [name of the country] has been providing for Ukraine and its people.

As November 25, 2023 marks the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor in Ukraine, we call upon the government and parliament of [name of the country] to recognize the Holodomor as a genocide. As Joseph Stalin and his enablers tried to exterminate the Ukrainian people 90 years ago, Vladimir Putin and the Russian regime are attempting to do the same today. By formally recognizing the Holodomor as a genocide, the people of [name of country] declare that they will not allow the Russian Federation to try once again to destroy the Ukrainian people. Please stand with Ukraine!

The Holodomor, a man-made famine planned and implemented by the Russian-led Soviet regime, aimed to annihilate the Ukrainian people as a nation and break their desire for freedom and independence. Having taken the lives of many millions, it remains one of the most horrific pages of Ukrainian history and the gravest crime of the Soviet regime. It has been recognized as a genocide by many countries around the world including the European Union, Canada, Germany and Ukraine.

As Stalin feared that Ukrainians could bring down the Soviet empire, Putin today fears that Ukraine's success as an independent democracy that respects the freedom and dignity of its people will bring down his own regime, a murderous autocratic kleptocracy. In fact, Putin's regime, as did Stalin's, cynically denies the very existence of the Ukrainian nation and attempts to eliminate Ukrainian national identity through terrible war crimes, mass deportations, forcible transfer of Ukrainian children, and brutal assimilation in the Russian-occupied territories.

Russia's unilateral decision to suspend the Black Sea Grain Initiative and its blockade of Ukrainian seaports, which led to the disruption of global food supply chains, also clearly show that after 90 years, Moscow is once again weaponizing food and starvation.

While the war of Russian aggression against Ukraine is indeed genocide, Russian aggression 90 years ago must also be recognized as genocide. Your designation of the Holodomor as genocide would be a powerful step towards historical justice and truth.

Thank you for your continued support of Ukraine. We look forward to your recognition of the 1932-1933 Ukrainian Holodomor as genocide. We kindly request a meeting with you to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,

[Name of the organization]

[Name and position of the signatory]