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Holodomor Commemoration on Parliament Hill

It is with great solemnity that I welcome you the Holodomor Commemoration on Parliament Hill.

The Holodomor remains one of the worst atrocities committed in humanity's history. Between 1932 and 1933, millions of Ukrainians were deliberately murdered at the hands of the Soviet regime. This genocide was not only meant to extinguish the lives of Ukrainians, but to also erase their culture and heritage.

Despite this horrific and hateful act that saw many millions perish, the Ukrainian people endured through the famine. The independent country of Ukraine stands testament to their perseverance, and today, Canada proudly maintains a friendship with Ukraine, a relationship that is based in part on recognition of the ties between our vibrant Ukrainian-Canadian community and their ancestral homeland.

Today, we stand with Ukrainians in sombre reflection of this ghastly event and reaffirm our steadfast vow to never stay silent in the face of violence or hate in any form. We honour the memories of the Holodomor victims by ensuring that successive generations never forget the painful lessons of the past.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable Holodomor Commemoration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Justin Trudeau", written in a cursive style.

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