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His Excellency Dr Mykola Kulinich  
Ambassador  
Embassy of Ukraine in Australia  
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Your Excellency


I am pleased to inform you that on 29 November 2017 I moved the following motion in the Senate:

*That the Senate –*

- (a) notes that commemorations are underway for the eighty-fifth anniversary of Holodomor, to mark an enforced famine in Ukraine caused by the deliberate actions of Stalin's Communist Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR);*
- (b) recalls that it is estimated that up to seven million Ukrainians starved to death, as a result of Stalin's policies in 1932 to 1933 alone;*
- (c) condemns these acts aimed at destroying the national, cultural, religious and democratic aspirations of the Ukrainian people;*
- (d) condemns all similar acts during the twentieth century as the ultimate manifestations of racial, ethnic or religious hatred and violence;*
- (e) honours the memory of those who lost their lives during Holodomor;*
- (f) joins the Ukrainian Australian community and the international community in commemorating this tragic milestone under the motto, Ukraine Remembers - The World Acknowledges;*
- (g) recognises the importance of remembering and learning from such dark chapters in human history to ensure that such crimes against humanity are not allowed to be repeated; and*
- (h) pays its respects to the Australian Ukrainians who lived through this tragedy and have told their horrific stories.*

The motion was carried.

Yours sincerely

  
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