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SENATE OF CANADA ADOPTS MOTION CALLING ON GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO RECOGNIZE THE 1932-33 UKRAINIAN FAMINE/GENOCIDE

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(Ottawa) June 20, 2003 - In an historic move, the Senate of Canada unanimously adopted a motion last night calling on the Government of Canada to recognize the Ukrainian Famine/Genocide of 1932-33.

The motion, originally moved by Senator Andreychuk, calls for the recognition of the Ukrainian Famine/Genocide of 1932-33 and **to condemn any attempt to deny or distort this historical truth as being anything less than a genocide**; for the fourth Saturday in November to be designated as a day of remembrance for those who perished during the time of the Ukrainian Famine/Genocide; and for all Canadians, particularly historians, educators and parliamentarians, to include the true facts of the Ukrainian Famine/Genocide of 1932-33 in the records of Canada and in future educational material.

Senator Andreychuk expressed satisfaction and appreciation that the Senate recognizes the significance of this atrocity. "The motion represents a great step in giving a voice to all those who fell victim to the famine-genocide" she stated.

"I cannot begin to tell you the number of people in Canada, Ukraine and elsewhere who are thankful for this motion. I want to express my appreciation to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and others throughout Canada for their determination and support to ensure that all those who suffered because of this tragedy are not forgotten," said Andreychuk.

The Ukrainian Famine/Genocide of 1932-33 saw over seven million people perish when the Soviet Union, under the leadership of Joseph Stalin, executed a policy designed to suppress all resistance to forced collectivization.

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