Resolution on 90 years after the Holodomor: recognising the mass killing through starvation as genocide

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The European Parliament adopted by 507 votes to 12, with 17 abstentions, a resolution on 90 years after the Holodomor: recognising the mass killing through starvation as genocide.

The text adopted in plenary was tabled by the EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR groups and Members.

The Holodomor famine of 1932-1933, which caused the deaths of millions of Ukrainians, was cynically planned and cruelly implemented by the Soviet regime in order to force through the Soviet Union's policy of collectivisation of agriculture and to suppress the Ukrainian people and their national identity. The Soviet regime deliberately confiscated grain harvests and sealed the borders to prevent Ukrainians from escaping from starvation.

Parliament recognises the Holodomor, the artificial famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine caused by a deliberate policy of the Soviet regime, as a genocide against the Ukrainian people, as it was committed with the intent to destroy a group of people by deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction. It deplores the fact that the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor is taking place while Russia is continuing its war of aggression against Ukraine, violating the sovereignty and territorial integrity of that country and seeking to liquidate Ukraine as a nation state and destroy the identity and culture of its people.

The resolution commemorates all the victims of the Holodomor and expresses its solidarity with the Ukrainian people who suffered in this tragedy, in particular with the remaining survivors of the Holodomor and their families.

Parliament strongly condemned these genocidal acts of the totalitarian Soviet regime, which resulted in the death of millions of Ukrainians and significantly harmed the foundations of Ukrainian society and called on Russia and other countries to open up their archives on the artificial famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine.