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**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JOCELYN KINNEAR
ON THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLODOMOR GENOCIDE OF 1932 AND 1933
IN UKRAINE, COMMITTED BY STALIN'S TOTALITARIAN REGIME
1400th MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Mr. Chair,

On November 26th, the world observes Holodomor Memorial Day, to mourn the tragic loss of Ukrainian life under the Soviet regime. Through economic mismanagement and the subjugation of Ukrainian peasants, the Soviet regime of Joseph Stalin orchestrated the loss of life of millions of innocent Ukrainian victims by starvation, between 1932 and 1933.

Canada joins Ukrainian communities around the world in remembering the victims who suffered or lost their lives during the Holodomor genocide.

Despite the immense suffering caused to them by deliberate starvation, theft of their land, and seizure of their crops, Ukrainians continued to demonstrate their resilience to the Soviet regime.

Today, as they face Russia's brutal war of aggression, Ukrainians once again are defending their culture, language, and identity as Putin attempts to destroy Ukrainian national identity and independence. The world continues to be inspired by the resilience, strength, and will of the Ukrainian people in the face of the Russian regime's illegal and unjustifiable invasion of their country.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.