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STATEMENT ON THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLODOMOR FAMINE OF
1932 AND 1933 IN UKRAINE

As delivered by Ambassador Anne-Kirsti Karlsen at the Permanent Council,
Vienna, 23 November 2023

Madame Chair,

Norway solemnly pays tribute to the millions of innocent people who suffered and perished in Ukraine during Holodomor in 1932 and 1933. The men, women, and children who lost their lives during this famine were the victims of the brutal policies and deliberate acts, implemented by a totalitarian regime. The aim was to crush any potential for opposition by eradicating whole segments of society.

As we reflect on this dark chapter of history, we are reminded of the immense suffering and the indomitable spirit of the Ukrainian people.

In today's world, as we witness Ukraine's valiant stand against the illegal war by the Russian regime, the echoes of the past resonate powerfully. The fortitude and determination displayed by Ukrainians in defending their homeland and democratic values are a testament to their enduring quest for freedom and independence.

Norway stands unwaveringly with Ukraine. We are committed to supporting the Ukrainian people as they bravely defend their nation and our shared principles of democracy, sovereignty, and human rights. We recognize the importance of standing up for justice and building a world where such atrocities are never repeated.

Together, we stand with Ukraine in their pursuit of a future defined by self-determination, prosperity, and dignity.

I thank you.

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