Keep the Flame Alive

On the initiative of the International Coordinating Committee Ukrainian World Congress, Ukraine's Foreign Ministry is organizing the journey of an International Remembrance Flame designed to raise awareness of the Holodomor on the occasion of the 75th anniversary. This Flame will begin its journey in Australia, travel through 33 countries and end its journey in Ukraine in November of this year.

The Flame, an official Ukrainian initiative, will travel from country to country escorted by Ukraine's ambassadors and consular representatives. Communities which host the Flame will have an opportunity to organize events in conjunction with its arrival.

In Canada, the Flame will be delivered to Toronto by Ukraine's Ambassador to Australia, Valentyn Adomaytis, and the president of the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organizations and chair of the International Coordinating Committee, Stefan Romaniw. It will be accepted by Ukraine's Ambassador to Canada Dr. Ihor Ostash, Ukraine's Ambassador to the United States Mr. Oleh Shamshur, national president of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Mr. Paul Grod, and president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America Mr. Mykhajlo Sawkiw. The ceremony will take place immediately prior to the opening of the exhibit *Holodomor: Genocide by Famine* at Toronto's City Hall.

Canadian events titled "Keep the Flame Alive" are designed to remember the victims of the Holodomor while ensuring that the story is transferred from generation to generation, from Holodomor survivors to the youth. Commemorative programs will emphasize the importance of sharing facts about the Holodomor with Canadians and continuing the
awareness campaign going forward thus helping to ensure that similar atrocities are never repeated.

Events will also serve as the launch of a national campaign urging the Canadian government to recognize the Holodomor as an act of genocide and support Ukraine's motion for such recognition by the United Nations.

The Flame will be escorted throughout Canada by Holodomor survivor Mr. Stefan Horlatsch.

The International Remembrance Flame will visit the following Canadian centres: Winnipeg, Manitoba; Yorkton - Regina - Saskatoon - North Battleford, Saskatchewan; Edmonton - Calgary, Alberta; Vancouver, British Columbia; St. Catharines - Hamilton - Toronto - Ottawa, Ontario; Montreal, Quebec.

_Ukraine remembers! The World Acknowledges!_

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