

To the Government of Estonia and directors of Estonian Institute of Historical Memory

On behalf of the Latvian National Federation in Canada, the Baltic Federation in Canada and the Central and Eastern European Council in Canada, we congratulate you and strongly support the development of a new international museum and research centre in Tallinn, Estonia, to research and raise awareness of the crimes of Communism in Europe and around the world.

The legacy of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, which triggered the start of World War II and forced the nations of Central and Eastern Europe into a terrifying 50 year period of murderous repression, deportation and cultural and ethnic genocide at the hands of the Nazis and Soviet Russia, demands further investigation and global exposure. We applaud and congratulate the government of Estonian for taking international leadership on this issue.

Wishing you all success in this most important project from which the world must learn. For the sake of democracy and freedom, this story, which has affected so many millions of lives, must be told to future generations.

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