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Estonian Institute of Historical Memory

Dear colleagues!

The National Museum "Holodomor victims Memorial", as a member of the Platform for European Memory and Conscience, sincerely welcomes the initiative of the Estonian Institute of Historical Memory in establishing of the International Research Center and Museum of the Communism Crimes - the Red Terror Museum.

We are the museum which explores and tells about the greatest crime of the Soviet communist totalitarian regime, the genocide of the Ukrainian nation - Holodomor of 1932-1933. And we constantly have to deal with the fact that people, comparing Nazi and Communist regimes, tend to regard the second one as lesser evil than Hitler's regime. Although that is not really true, since any totalitarian regime is the evil. The Communist Soviet power destroyed more than 10 million Ukrainians during 75 years. It applied toward us political repressions, organized Holodomor, deported to Siberia, destroyed in concentration camps and prisons the pride of nation of that time, as public and cultural figures, scholars and Ukrainian politicians. But we revived as a nation; today we are building our own independent state. And such Ukrainian museums as ours work in order for the world to know the truth about the crimes of communism in Ukraine.

At the same time, we know that Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and countries of the so-called "socialist camp" have suffered from communism. Somewhere there are already exist museums that tell about these pages of their history during the years of communist dictatorship. And somewhere, as in Estonia, it only starts. And we consider it necessary to support it. We live in a time when the reiteration of the

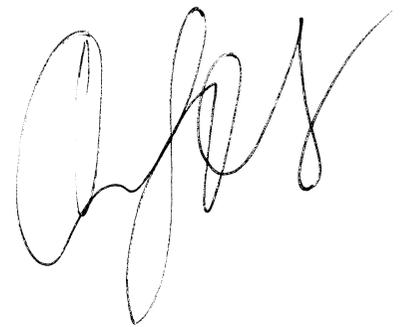
crimes of genocide is not a fantasy, when Nazism and Communism in renewed forms make their attempts to revive. And that is for there are scholars and museum workers whose job is to make every effort to prevent such crimes from happening again in any corner of the world.

We support your initiative. And we also want to tell you, that if according to the concept of the museum, you will consider it necessary to tell in the exposition of the Museum of Red Terror about the crimes of communism in Ukraine, we are ready to provide you with consultations, various photo and video materials.

We wish you success and easy and interesting cooperation in this important work.

With respect and hope for cooperation,

**Olesya Stasiuk,
Director General of the
National Museum "Holodomor Victims Memorial"**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Olesya Stasiuk', written in a cursive style.