

The Government of Ukraine has declared that the Great Famine of 1932-1933 in Soviet Ukraine, known as the *Holodomor*, was an act of genocide.



In 1953 Raphael Lemkin described "the destruction of the Ukrainian nation" as the "classic example of Soviet genocide." He wrote:

*"...the Ukrainian is not and never has been a Russian. His culture, his temperament, his language, his religion, are all different...to eliminate (Ukrainian) nationalism...the Ukrainian peasantry was sacrificed...a famine was necessary for the Soviet and so they got one to order...if the Soviet program succeeds completely, if the intelligentsia, the priest, and the peasant can be eliminated [then] Ukraine will be as dead as if every Ukrainian were killed, for it will have lost that part of it which has kept and developed its culture, its beliefs, its common ideas, which have guided it and given it a soul, which, in short, made it a nation...This is not simply a case of mass murder. It is a case of genocide, of the destruction, not of individuals only, but of a culture and a nation."*

We urge your government to recognize officially that the *Holodomor* was an act of genocide.

*Thank you*

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To

“father of the Genocide Convention”

# Raphael Lemkin

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