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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr Kurlak

Thank you for your letter of 11 November about the remembrance ceremony in London on 22 November to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Famine of 1932-33 in Ukraine (Holodomor).

The Great Famine of 1932-33 was an appalling human tragedy. When I saw President Yushchenko in May and October, I agreed that the UK would co-operate to promote remembrance and increase public awareness of the Famine. The UK has supported statements at UNESCO and the OSCE honouring the memory of those who perished in the Famine and encouraged the promotion of its remembrance. Wherever possible we will continue to support Ukraine's efforts to raise the Famine of 1932-33 in other international fora. During his visit to Ukraine in August, the Foreign Secretary laid a wreath at the Famine memorial in Kiev, and in October, HRH The Duke of York placed commemorative candles at the memorial.

I hope the ceremony on 22 November will pay fitting tribute to those who suffered during the horrific events of 1932-33 and help ensure there can be no repetition in the future. I regret that I will be unable to attend the ceremony myself, but the UK will be represented, and I am pleased to send a written message, a copy of which I enclose, to mark this important occasion.

Yours sincerely

Mr Fedir Kurlak

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