

HOLODOMOR COMMEMORATED IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ♦ JOSEPH DAUL, EPP-ED GROUP CHAIRMAN

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The European Parliament Plenary session in Strasbourg today (23.10.08), adopted a resolution commemorating the victims of the Holodomor (artificial famine in Ukraine 1932-33) by an overwhelming majority. The EPP-ED Group was one of the initiators for the resolution. The text paid tribute to the millions of Ukrainians who were starved to death during the Soviet collectivization drives of the 1930s, acknowledging this as a 'crime against humanity'.

The Chairman of the EPP-ED Group, **Joseph Daul**, expressed his satisfaction that the European Parliament took the time to discuss the issue in plenary. *"We need to remember our history. Today's Europe was created out of a sense of reconciliation among enemies, but for there to be reconciliation it is important that the past is acknowledged"* said Joseph Daul. *"We in Europe have a special responsibility in recalling crimes such as this, so that these crimes can never happen again"*.

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