

## **STATEMENT**

### **On Commemorating the Victims of Genocide and Political Repressions Committed in Ukraine in 1932 and 1933**

**The Baltic Assembly,**

**acknowledging** that genocide and political repressions are crimes against humanity;

**condemning** the genocide and political repressions committed in 1932 and 1933 as a result of which the Ukrainian people experienced mental and physical sufferings;

**emphasizing** that the Baltic States truly understand the tragedy of the Ukrainian people because during World War II the Baltic States lost their independence, and hundreds of thousands of their permanent inhabitants were executed or deported to the remote and harsh regions of the Soviet Union;

**stressing** the Baltic States' solidarity with the Ukrainian people,

**proposes** raising public awareness, especially the awareness of the younger generation, about genocide and other crimes against humanity;

**expresses** the deepest sympathy to the victims of genocide and political repressions, as well as to the entire Ukrainian people who have endured these sufferings.

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