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The Memorial to the Victims of Communism in Canada

Dear Prime Minister,

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience, an international organization endorsed by the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament whose aim is to investigate and raise awareness of Europe's totalitarian Nazi and Communist regimes, would like to congratulate you on your new office. The Platform very much appreciates the Canadian Government's support for memorials which honour the victims of Nazi and Communist terror.

The Platform and its 48 Members - institutions and organisations from 18 countries - are aware of recent efforts in Canada to relocate and maybe even stop the construction of the Memorial to the Victims of Communism. The Platform and its Members are concerned that rhetoric being used by critics of the Memorial threatens to marginalize the crimes of

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Communist regimes and their victims. We encourage Canadians to treat the victims and refugees of Communism and their families with respect and dignity.

We sincerely hope that the work on the Memorial will proceed until successful completion. The Memorial to the Victims of Communism will ensure that Canada remains a global leader in recognizing, advocating for and protecting people and groups who are the victims of gross human rights violations.

Yours sincerely,



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