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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU AT THE 29TH REGULAR CONVENTION OF THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. I HAVE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO WORK WITH YOUR ORGANIZATION LAST YEAR, WHEN YOU FOCUSED THE ATTENTION OF CONGRESS ON THE PLIGHT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN UKRAINE. YOUR CONTINUED EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF YOUR FORMER COUNTRYMEN CAN ONLY BE APPLAUDED AND ENCOURAGED.

HEAVY SOVIET REPRESSION IN UKRAINE

AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, I HAVE LISTENED TO MUCH TESTIMONY ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

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BY THE SOVIET UNION. BUT NOWHERE HAS SOVIET REPRESSION BEEN MORE HEAVILY ADMINISTERED THAN IN UKRAINE. HISTORIAN VALENTIN(VA-LEN-TIN) MOROZ(MORE-OZ) HAD ALREADY SUFFERED FOR THOSE VERY PRINCIPLES ESPOUSED AT HELSINKI TEN YEARS BEFORE THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT WAS SIGNED. AND LET US NOT FORGET THAT RUDENKO(RUE-DEN-KO) AND TYKHJ(TEE-HEE) WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO BE ARRESTED FOR MONITORING THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT.

THE HOLOCAUST OF 1932

BUT I AM SURE THAT THE FACT THAT THE REPRESSION IN UKRAINE HAS BEEN SO SEVERE DOES NOT REALLY SURPRISE YOU. THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE HAVE ENDURED MUCH AT THE HANDS OF THE STALIN REGIME. WE HEAR A LOT ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST OF THE HITLER REGIME. BUT WE SHOULD ALSO BE REMINDING THE WORLD OF THE HOLOCAUST SUFFERED BY THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE WHEN AT LEAST 6 MILLION UKRAINIANS, AND SOME PUT THE FIGURES AT 10 MILLION, PERISHED IN THE DELIBERATELY MANMADE FAMINE IN 1932. THIS STORY DESERVES TO BE TOLD EQUALLY VIVIDLY.

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UKRAINE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION

WHEN I WENT TO BELGRADE IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR AND ADDRESSED THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE CSCE, I TOLD THE SOVIETS THAT I HAD MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. I INDICATED THAT YOUR CONCERNS FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SELF-DETERMINATION WERE AMERICAN CONCERNS. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TRIED TO MAKE LIGHT OF MY REMARKS BY SAYING THAT IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE AMERICA CAME AROUND TO THE SOVIET WAY OF LOOKING AT THINGS. BUT I SAY TO YOU HERE AND NOW, THAT AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, THAT WILL NEVER BE THE CASE. THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SELF-DETERMINATION FOR ALL PEOPLES WILL ALWAYS BE A CORNERSTONE OF MY VIEWS ON FOREIGN POLICY. FUTHERMORE, I ASSURE YOU THAT WHEN I GO TO MADRID IN 1980, FOR THE SECOND FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, I WILL BRING UP THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SELF-DETERMINATION FOR UKRAINE.

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I KNOW THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION IS DEEPLY DEDICATED TO THESE
SAME PRINCIPLES AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER
TO ACHIEVE THEM.

THANK YOU.