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91st Remembrance Day of the Armenian Genocide

The path to prevention of crimes against human rights begins with recognition and reconciliation.

April 24, 1915 marks the beginning of the genocide of the Armenians in Ottoman Turkey. On the evening on this day hundreds of Armenian intellectuals, teachers, doctors and political leaders were arrested and executed shortly after. This became the beginning of the annihilation of 1,500,000 Armenians, i.e. 75% of the Armenian population in the Ottoman Empire and almost 40% of the entire Armenian world population.

"The Ottoman Empire should be cleaned up of the Armenians and the Lebanese. We have destroyed the former by the sword, we shall destroy the latter through starvation."

Enver Pasha; One of the triumvirate rulers, publicly declared on 19 May 1916

"The language is not powerful enough to describe these events, and whatever we can say about this, it will never be an exaggeration."

William Ewart Gladstone, 1896

"Turkey has, officially or unofficially, made itself guilty of a number of crimes which in horribleness are far worse than all the ill-deeds which are documented during the course of the war."

Georges Clemenceau, June 25, 1919



Armenian deportees starved to death, Deir-es-Zor, 1916; Picture taken by Armin T. Wegner, Eyewitness to the Armenian Genocide



Armenian Orphans at a Danish Orphanage; Picture taken by Armin T. Wegner



Armenian Deportations as seen through the window of the American Consulate in Harput



Map of The 1915 Armenian Genocide in Ottoman Turkey

Turkey categorically denies any charges regarding the Armenian Genocide and claims that it has never happened.

< The Armenian Genocide monument in Yerevan, Armenia

International recognitions of the Armenian Genocide

Lithuania Assembly, Resolution - Dec. 15, 2005; **European Parliament** Resolution - Sep. 15, 2005; **Venezuela** National Assembly, Resolution - Jul. 14, 2005; **Germany** Parliament, Resolution - Jun. 15, 2005; **Argentina** Senate, Resolution - Apr. 20, 2005; **Poland** Parliament, Resolution - Apr. 19, 2005; **Netherlands** House of Representatives, Resolution - Dec. 21, 2004; **Slovakia** National Assembly, Resolution - Nov. 30, 2004; **Canada** House of Commons, Resolution - Apr. 21, 2004; **Argentina** Senate, Declaration - Mar. 31, 2004; **Uruguay** Law - Mar. 26, 2004; **Argentina** Draft Law - Mar. 18, 2004; **Switzerland** (Helvetic Confederation), National Council, Resolution - Dec. 16, 2003; **Argentina** Senate, Resolution - Aug. 20, 2003; **Canada** Senate, Resolution - Jun. 13, 2002; Prayer of **John Paul II** Memorial of Tzitzernagaberd - Sep. 26, 2001; **Council of Europe** Parliamentary Assembly, Declaration - Apr. 24, 2001; **France** Law - Jan. 29, 2001; **Italy** Chamber of Deputies, Resolution - Nov. 16, 2000; **European Parliament** Resolution - Nov. 15, 2000; **Vatican City** Communiqué, Nov. 10, 2000; **France** Senate, Draft Law - November 7, 2000; **Lebanon** Parliament, Resolution - May 11, 2000; **Sweden** Parliament, Report - Mar. 29, 2000; **France** National Assembly, Draft Law - May 28, 1998; **Council of Europe** Parliamentary Assembly, Declaration - Apr. 24, 1998; **Belgium** Senate, Resolution - Mar. 26, 1998; **Lebanon** Chamber of Deputies, Resolution - Apr. 3, 1997; **U.S.** House of Representatives, Resolution 3540 - Jun. 11, 1996; **Greece** Parliament, Resolution - Apr. 25, 1996; **Russia** Duma, Resolution - Apr. 14, 1995; **Argentina** Senate, Resolution - May 5, 1993; **European Parliament** Resolution - Jun. 18, 1987; **U.S.** House of Representatives, Joint Resolution 247 - Sep. 12, 1984; **Cyprus** House of Representatives, Resolution - Apr. 29, 1982; **U.S.** House of Representatives, Joint Resolution 148 - Apr. 9, 1975; **Uruguay** Senate and House of Representatives, Resolution - Apr. 20, 1965; **U.S.** Senate, Resolution 359 - May 11, 1920; **U.S.** Congress, An Act to Incorporate Near East Relief - Aug. 6, 1919; **U.S.** Senate, Concurrent Resolution 12 - Feb. 9, 1916; **France, Great Britain and Russia** Joint Declaration - May 24, 1915

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