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**THE RECOGNITION OF THE GENOCIDE OF THE GREEKS OF
THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT:
THE CHC'S EFFORTS ARE ON TRACK!**

Montreal, April 18, 2024--- In March 2023, the Canadian Hellenic Congress (CHC) sent a formal request to the Canadian government for the recognition of “the Genocide of the Greeks of the Ottoman Empire – as a whole – that is, of Eastern Thrace, Asia Minor, and Pontos, from 1908 to 1924”, and to acknowledge the associated commemorative days of April 6 (Eastern Thrace), May 19 (Pontos) and September 14 (Asia Minor)”. Following that, the CHC launched a support-letter campaign for the Genocide recognition, urging fellow citizens, organisations and communities – who wished to be included in the list of supporters for the recognition of the Greek Genocide, to send their own letter of support to the Canadian government. To date, numerous organisations, communities, associations and individuals from across Canada have submitted letters in support of the CHC’s request.

The CHC is hopeful that the recent meeting between CHC President, Dr. Theodore Halatsis, and VP-Administration and General Secretary, Pelagia Adamidis, with federal MPs Emmanuella Lambropoulos (St-Laurent) and Annie Koutrakis (Vimy) – co-chairs of the Canada-Hellenic Republic Parliamentary Friendship Group – on the matter of advancing the request for the Genocide recognition is a positive indication that its efforts may bear fruit. The future meeting of the CHC with the Parliamentary Friendship Group on the same issue is equally encouraging.



As part of its efforts, the CHC has launched a campaign to further urge the Government to recognise the Genocide, specifically with a paper and an electronic petition. Citizens who wish to sign the electronic petition can do so via the following link:

www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-4929.

For those who wish to sign the paper petition, please contact Pelagia Adamidis, at 514.781.4267 or pelagiaadamidis@rogers.com, for the circulation points.

“The recognition of the Genocide of the Greeks of the Ottoman Empire is a minimum tribute – as an indelible part of our historical memory – and an obligation of the Canadian government, and the international community at large” stated Dr. Halatsis, CHC President.

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A photograph of said meeting with MPs Emmanuella Lambropoulos and Annie Koutrakis is attached.

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