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The Greens-EFA welcome the award of the Sakharov Prize to the brave people of Ukraine

2022 Sakharov Prize

The 2022 prize will be awarded to “The brave people of Ukraine” represented by their president, civil society and elected leaders*. The decision was taken unanimously by the Parliament's Conference of Presidents on 19/10/2022. The European Parliament will also adopt a joint resolution on “90 years after the Holodomor: recognising the mass killing through starvation as genocide.” The award ceremony of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought is taking place today from 12 to 12.30.

Statement by **Viola Von Cramon**, Vice-Chair of the delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee and Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

“We welcome the award of the Sakharov Prize to “The brave people of Ukraine.”

“This award recognizes Ukrainians who are fighting on the ground for their rights and our common democratic values. While this award will not bring back the lives of those lost and it cannot prevent more tragedies, we hope it will show our respect and continued support to the Ukrainians.”

“The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine leaves behind a trail of brutality, massacres and torture. That is why we also welcome the common resolution that our Parliament is about to adopt condemning the Russian regime’s manipulation of historical memory. This resolution will recall the cruelty of the Soviet regime that caused the artificial famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine and committed a genocide against the Ukrainian people.”

*The human right lawyer, Oleksandra Matviichuk- the founder of the medical unit “Angels of Taira” Yuliia Taira Paievska - the elected mayor of Melitopol Ivan Fedorov- the representatives of State Emergency Service of Ukraine.

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