

## Montreal Holocaust Museum Statement on the Unanimous Adoption of Motion M-62

## Friday, February 3, 2023

The Montreal Holocaust Museum applauds the unanimous adoption of a motion in the Canadian parliament to welcome 10,000 Uyghur and other Turkic Muslim minorities fleeing persecution and genocide in China. As the motion is non-binding, we urge the government to make this rescue effort a reality. We congratulate Sameer Zuberi and Alexis Brunelle-Duceppe, Members of Parliament, for their tireless efforts to recognize the Uyghur Genocide and help those who have been displaced.

The human rights legacy of the Holocaust calls upon individuals, leaders, and governments to do their utmost to help those who are forced to flee their homes. When minority groups are persecuted, the international community has a responsibility to intervene. When displaced people seek refuge, states have a responsibility to open their doors. As an organisation dedicated to Holocaust memory and education, we understand the dangers of unchecked hatred and the tragic results of refusing to welcome those who flee persecution.

Today we had the honour of meeting leaders from the World Uyghur Congress and the Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project. Together, we exchanged on future collaborations between our organisations and our shared dream of a world without persecution and genocide.

Our Museum stands in solidarity with the Uyghur and other Turkic Muslim minorities whose mass detention, forced labour, torture, and forced sterilization requires the condemnation and intervention of the international community.

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