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Message from the Leader of the Official Opposition

*I am honoured to join with Canada's Polish community in marking two solemn commemorations, the 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Katyń Massacre and the eighth anniversary of the Smolensk Air Disaster.*

*I admire the willingness of Polish Canadians to remember the past, learn its lessons and work to build a better future. By preserving the memory of the 20,000 Polish citizens murdered by the Soviet Union in the 1940 Katyń Massacre, you are reflecting on a dark chapter, while honouring our collective responsibility to ensure that the horrors of the past are not repeated.*

*Sadly, eight years ago, another tragedy became forever connected to this solemn anniversary. The Smolensk Air Disaster took the lives of many of Poland's most distinguished political, social and religious leaders. We honour the memory of all who perished on this heartrending date in Polish history.*

*On behalf of Canada's Official Opposition, I am proud to stand with the Polish community as you observe this solemn occasion.*

*Yours truly,*

*The Hon. Andrew Scheer, P.C., M.P.*  
*Leader of the Official Opposition*