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## THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES REGARDING THE LOSS OF LIFE DUE TO THE AIR CATASTROPHE OF PS752

With great concern we received the news, that Ukrainian Airliner PS752 crashed near Tehran, Iran on January 8, 2020 shortly after 06:12 local time, with the loss of 176 lives, among them 63 Canadians and 11 Ukrainians. The reasons for this event are under investigation.

At this time, when our clergy and faithful rejoice in the Birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and pray for "peace among people of good will", we mourn the loss of our fellow-citizens and friends. We extend our prayers for them and offer our condolences to their relatives, co-workers and friends at this time of grief.

We have already extended our condolences to His Excellency, Mr. Andriy Shevchenko, the Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada, and through the Winnipeg Free Press.

We call upon our bishops, clergy and laity to remember in their prayers, the victims of this air disaster and that the relatives and all concerned will be informed of the reasons for this tragedy.

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