

Recognition of Armenian Genocide Bill

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Require Her Majesty's Government formally to recognise the Armenian genocide of 1915–23; and for connected purposes

BE IT ENACTED by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Recognition of genocide

Her Majesty's Government must formally recognise that the killings of Armenians in the Ottoman Empire and the surrounding regions during 1915–23 were genocide.

2 Commemoration and education

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- (1) There shall be an annual commemoration of victims of the Armenian Genocide, which may be part of a wider commemoration of genocides.
- (2) The Secretary of State must encourage education and public understanding of the facts of the Armenian Genocide and the relevance of the Armenian Genocide to modern-day crimes against humanity and war crimes.

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3 Interpretation

In this Act—

“genocide” has the meaning given in Article II of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and Article 6 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

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“crimes against humanity” has the meaning given in Article 7 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;

“war crimes” has the meaning given in Article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

4 Extent, commencement and short title

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- (1) This Act extends to the whole of the United Kingdom.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.

- (3) This Act may be cited as the Recognition of Armenian Genocide Act 2023.

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