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A motion was made in the Scottish Parliament on “**Remembering the Armenian Genocide**”,
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-06266>

In Wales something similar was proposed and I think they agreed to commemorate the event, they definitely had a petition on it anyway:

<http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mgIssueHistoryChronology.aspx?IId=3370&Opt=2>

See these articles:

<http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/world/news/58492/>

And they plant a tree every year on Holocaust Memorial Day:

2011:

http://www.ealing.gov.uk/news/article/18/ealing_remembers_holocaust_anniversary_with_tree_planting

2012: http://www.ealing.gov.uk/news/article/289/ealing_remembers_holocaust_victims

2013: http://www.ealing.gov.uk/news/article/289/ealing_remembers_holocaust_victims

To note we had the following press lines for the Scottish Parliament which if tweaked applicable to other regional/national assemblies which pass these laws.

Does the Scottish Parliament motion signal a change in UK policy towards recognising the Armenian massacres as genocide?

No. Under the terms of the devolution settlement foreign policy is a reserved policy matter and is the responsibility of the UK Government and UK Parliament. Whilst the Scottish Parliament is able to debate any matter that it wishes it does not have policy or legislative competence in this area and does not alter or signify a change to British Government policy.

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From: [redacted]

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To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Armenia

[redacted] It might be worth pointing out to your contact that if they want the definitive stance they should go to the relevant authorities, we can only direct them to internet sources.

Attached are Q&As from Parliament. You might want to point out to your contact that where the title is Armenia Genocide it is purely because that is how the question has been defined by Hansard.

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From: [redacted]

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Hi –

Further to our discussion this afternoon – they're also interested in the devolved administrations!
Should they ask them?

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