



## STATEMENT

### **Statement from the Hon. Anthony Rota, Speaker of the House of Commons**

*Ottawa, Ontario – September 26, 2023*

It is with a heavy heart that I rise in the House today to inform Members of my resignation as Speaker of the House of Commons.

It has been my greatest honour as a parliamentarian to have been elected by you, my peers, to serve as the Speaker of the House of Commons in the 43rd and 44th Parliaments.

I have acted as a humble servant of this House, carrying out the important responsibilities of this position to the very best of my abilities.

I want to thank you, colleagues, for your support and collegiality during my tenure in the Chair. The work of the House is above any one of us; therefore, I must step down as your Speaker.

I reiterate my profound regret for my error in recognizing an individual in the House during the joint address to Parliament by President Zelenskyy.

That public recognition has caused pain to individuals and communities, including the Jewish community in Canada and around the world, as well as to survivors of Nazi atrocities in Poland and other nations. I am deeply sorry.

I accept full responsibility for my actions.

My resignation will take effect at the end of the sitting day tomorrow, Wednesday, September 27, to allow for the election of a new Speaker. Until that time, the deputy speakers will chair House proceedings.

Hon. Anthony Rota, M.P.

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