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**EU statement on the Anniversary Commemoration of the
Srebrenica Genocide**

On July 11th we commemorated the 22nd anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica. Our hearts and our thoughts are with the victims and their surviving families and friends.

We honour the victims, reject any denial, relativisation or misinterpretation of the genocide, and confirm our strong commitment to help bring the perpetrators to justice. We look to those in positions of authority in Bosnia and Herzegovina to lead in honouring victims and promoting reconciliation.

The values so dramatically violated 22 years ago - such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality - are now at the core of our engagement with Bosnia and Herzegovina and its citizens on the country's EU integration path.

On the 12th July, leaders of the region met in Trieste and discussed together how the region can move forward on joint initiatives.

The EU accession process is there to accompany the entire region towards reconciliation, justice and cooperation.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO* and ALBANIA*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA countries ICELAND, LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, GEORGIA, ANDORRA and SAN MARINO align themselves with this statement.

* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.