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**EU Statement on the Commemoration of the Srebrenica  
Genocide**

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Twenty one years ago, one of the darkest pages of our history was written: the Srebrenica genocide is a wound still open in the heart of Europe. Our thoughts are with the families of many who suffered and lost their lives. It is a common duty of Europe and of the international community to remember, so that such a tragedy, a shame for the humankind, could not happen again.

Twenty one years after this tragedy, the last victims still need to be buried with dignity. There is pain still to be healed and justice still to be served. All those responsible for the massacre must be held accountable so that lasting peace and reconciliation in the region can be consolidated.

This commemoration reminds us to learn from the past in order to build a prosperous future for all citizens in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This is also a call for unity among the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina and their political leadership.

We will continue supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina's efforts to move forward in order to promote the well-being of the citizens through socio-economic reform, good governance and justice for all, advancing on its path towards the European Union.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA\*, MONTENEGRO\* and ALBANIA\*, and the EFTA countries ICELAND, LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, GEORGIA, ANDORRA, SAN MARINO and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA align themselves with this statement.

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