



United States Mission to the OSCE

On the 29th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide

As delivered by Chargé d’Affaires Katherine Brucker
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Today marks 29 years since more than 8,000 men and boys were brutally murdered in the Srebrenica genocide. The American people join the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the wider international community in honoring the victims and in support for the survivors and families who continue to pursue justice for their loved ones.

We welcome the May 23rd UN resolution designating July 11th as the annual International Day of Reflection and Commemoration of the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica. It is a historical fact and a settled legal conclusion that genocide was committed in Srebrenica. International criminal tribunals and the International Court of Justice confirmed it.

Acknowledging and commemorating historical truths moves the region forward on a path toward reconciliation. We support all leaders in Bosnia and Herzegovina who are taking meaningful steps to bring reconciliation, tolerance, and a brighter future for all citizens. Honoring the victims of genocide reinforces the values reflected in the UN Charter. We remember the lives cut short in Srebrenica, and we commit to uphold truth and justice and to recognize our common humanity across the OSCE region.

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