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## EU Statement on the verdict in the case of Radovan Karadzic of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

The EU welcomes the verdict in the case of Radovan Karadzic of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, an independent body established by the UN Security Council.

The verdict relates to one of the most tragic chapters in Bosnia and Herzegovina's and the region's history. Delivering justice and holding perpetrators of horrific crimes to account is essential. Impunity can never be accepted.

Our sympathies are with those who suffered and lost their loved ones. We continue to support the important work of the Tribunal and encourage all to cooperate fully with it and to work towards lasting peace and reconciliation in the region.

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 and ANDORRA align themselves with this statement.

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