



United States Mission to the OSCE
**On the 26th Anniversary of the Srebrenica
Genocide**

As delivered by Acting Political and Economic Counselor Lane Darnell Bahl
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The United States fully endorses the statement of the EU delegation, but we would like to add that the American people join the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina in solemn remembrance of the over 8,000 victims who were murdered there.

We stand with the families of those who lost their loved ones and with those who tirelessly seek justice in their names. The tragic events of the past remind us of the need to work in unity for a better future, one that is inclusive of all citizens in a Bosnia and Herzegovina that is stable and prosperous.

The United States deeply values its longstanding friendship with Bosnia and Herzegovina and remains a steadfast partner committed to our shared goal of a democratic and inclusive nation on the path to full Euro-Atlantic integration. As we reflect upon this anniversary, we reaffirm our commitment to work to prevent future atrocities.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

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