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EU Statement on the 25th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide

On Saturday we will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica. As some victims are still to be laid to rest, we extend our sympathies to the survivors and to the families and friends of those who have suffered and lost their lives.

This commemoration reminds us of one of the darkest moments of humanity and recent European history, and of our responsibility to prevent such an atrocity from ever happening again. Far too many perpetrators of war crimes have still not been brought to justice in Bosnia and Herzegovina in particular, and in the Western Balkans region in general.

By remembering the victims, we have both the responsibility and the opportunity to work to ensure a better future for the generations to come, a future based on justice and lasting reconciliation, avoiding divisive actions and rhetoric. Collective respect, recognition and remembrance are the basis for building a better future for Bosnia and Herzegovina and are cornerstones of regional cooperation.

The European Union will continue to support Bosnia and Herzegovina and its citizens to overcome the legacy of the past and to help the country advance on its European accession perspective.

The Candidate Countries REPUBLIC of NORTH MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO* and ALBANIA*, 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.

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