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#### **EU statement on the 23rd anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide**

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Yesterday [11 July] we commemorated the 23rd anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica. As some victims are still being 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 modern European history, and of our responsibility to prevent such an atrocity from ever happening again as well as to fight against impunity for all war crimes committed in Bosnia and Herzegovina. While remembering, we have the responsibility to build a better future for the generations to come, a future based on justice and reconciliation, avoiding divisive actions and rhetoric.

Our partners in the region have recently shown that mutual understanding and good neighbourly relations can be achieved. Collective respect, recognition and remembrance can help to build a better future for all.

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

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF 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.

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