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#### EU Statement on the 24th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide

Today we commemorate the 24th 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.

By remembering the victims, we have the responsibility and the chance to work on 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 can help to build 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 advance the country on its European path.

The Candidate Countries REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA\*, MONTENEGRO\* and ALBANIA\*, and the EFTA countries ICELAND and LIECHTENSTEIN, 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.