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Statement by H.E. Vesko Garcevic, Ambassador of Serbia and Montenegro  
on the commemorations  
of the 10th anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre

On behalf of Serbia and Montenegro and my personal behalf I would like to pay tribute to the victims of the Srebrenica massacre that happened 10 years ago. This dreadful tragedy that occurred at Srebrenica should become eternal reminder for all of us and a warning sign for our conscience. Hopefully, it can help us become more mature, watchful and ready to act timely in order to avoid that happening again somewhere else.

Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to reiterate that the individualization of criminal responsibility toward crimes committed at the territory of the former Yugoslavia is a key point on our path to build up confidence, reconciliation and cooperation in the Region. On that argument the significance and merits of the full cooperation with the ICTY are anchored. The truth proven in the proceeding before the ICTY and domestic courts is of an extreme importance for the creation of historical perception of tragic events that affected all people of former Yugoslavia during the last decade. This process can help us relax our relations and facilitate the final break-up with the heritage of the policy of nationalism, chauvinism and ethnical cleansing. Finally, only by doing so we can help the victims families to reorganize their life and get needed justice for crimes committed against their relatives.

Concluding, I would like to express our profound condolences and solidarity with the families of those executed in Srebrenica ten years ago. They who have suffered a lot deserve more than words to have a better life.