



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on the Arrest of War Crimes Fugitives

As delivered by Chargé d' Affaires Samuel C. Laeuchli
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States welcomes the news of the recent arrest in Serbia of war crimes fugitive Stojan Zupljanin, who was indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for torture, murder, and other crimes committed in 1992 in Bosnia-Herzegovina. This is an important step toward helping the region move beyond its troubled past.

All countries must cooperate fully with the Hague Tribunal and none of us can rest until all remaining fugitives, including General Ratko Mladic and Bosnian Serb wartime political leader Radovan Karadzic, are brought to justice.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.