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United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement Regarding Bosnian-Serb War Criminal Karadzic

As delivered by Chargé de Affairs Kyle Scott
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States also welcomes the news of the recent arrest in Serbia of Radovan Karadzic, who is wanted by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) for crimes committed during the 1992-1995 war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Karadzic is accused of genocide, crimes against humanity, murder, deportation and war crimes, including involvement in the 1995 genocide in Srebrenica.

We applaud the Government of Serbia for this demonstration of the new government's commitment to cooperate with the International Criminal Tribunal. This is an important step towards justice for the victims of the Bosnian war.

We urge all authorities in the region to do all that they can to apprehend and transfer the two remaining ICTY fugitives -- Ratko Mladic and Goran Hadzic.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.