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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
STATEMENT ON THE ARREST OF RADOVAN KARADZIC
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Canada welcomes the arrest by Serbian Security Forces of Radovan Karadzic, who has been a fugitive from the ICTY and is under indictment for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. This arrest will help bring closure to those who suffered so much during the terrible wars of the 1990s.

The Government of Serbia is to be congratulated for this arrest. It signifies clearly a desire to bring justice and lasting reconciliation to the Western Balkans, and it should help the country progress towards integration in the Euro-Atlantic community.

The arrest of Karadzic and his transfer to the Hague, will promote respect for international law as represented by the ICTY process and demonstrate Serbia's acceptance of its international responsibilities. In a statement issued yesterday the Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs called on Serbia to redouble its efforts to track down and arrest the key remaining fugitives from the ICTY, including former Bosnian Serb general Ratko Mladic and former Croatian Serb political leader Goran Hadzic.