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PRESS RELEASE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION, CENTRE FOR CIVIC EDUCATION AND ANIMA ON REMEMBRANCE DAY OF GENOCIDE IN SREBRENICA IN 1995

Today **we remember and mourn** with the victims of Srebrenica genocide, the most massive crime committed in Europe after the Second World War, when members of the army of Bosnian Serbs, from 11 to 19 July systematically killed no less than 7,800 unarmed Bosniaks from the age of 14 to 70.

We remind that the facts about this crime were determined by:

- the verdicts of Hague Tribunal against Dražen Erdemović in 1998, Radislav Krstić in 2004, Vidoje Blagojević and Dragan Jokić in 2005;
- the report of the Commission of the Government of Republic of Srpska for Investigation of the events in and around Srebrenica from 10 to 19 July 1994, done in 2004;
- the verdict of the International Court of Justice in the subject claim of Bosnia and Herzegovina against Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) from 2007, where it is also determined that in 1995 in Srebrenica genocide has been conducted.

We welcome the decision of the Parliament of Montenegro to pass the Declaration on acceptance of the European Parliament Resolution on Srebrenica, which promulgates 11 July as a day of remembrance on this crime in Montenegro as well. This is a significant and honourable step for Montenegro and its citizens, and we hope that it will also make influence to the region.

We expect the Declaration of Parliament of Montenegro to be an incentive to:

- The State prosecutor in charge – to investigate eventual criminal responsibility of Montenegrin citizens, regarding the crime in Srebrenica, in cooperation with the prosecutor's office from Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- The Ministry of Education and Science – to provide the adequate information on this crime and its consequences within curriculums of different education levels;
- The Government – to organize the solemn marking of the Day of remembrance on the crime in Srebrenica as of next year.

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