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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the transfer of Mr Radovan Karadzic to the ICTY
in The Hague**

The European Union welcomes the transfer of Mr Radovan Karadzic to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague.

The arrest by the Serbian authorities of Mr Radovan Karadzic and his subsequent transfer represent a significant step in the process of reconciliation in the Western Balkans and in Serbia's rapprochement in Europe. The European Union urges Serbia to continue on this course and to locate the last two indictees who are still at large and transfer them to The Hague.

The trial before the ICTY of Mr Karadzic, who is charged with genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, will contribute to revealing the truth and will fulfil a duty to provide justice for the victims and their families.

The European Union expresses its support to the ICTY for the necessary and exemplary work it is performing in the service of international justice.

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