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The Rt Hon Lord Cameron, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
Alicia Kearns MP, Chair for APPG for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Chair of the Foreign Affairs
Committee
Fleur Anderson MP, Chair for APPG for Genocide Prevention

Dear Prime Minister,

Bosnian diaspora in the UK thanks to the Government for co-sponsoring the UN Srebrenica Resolution

We welcome the outcome of the Seventy-Eighth session, Eighty-Second meeting of the United Nations General Assembly where the draft resolution for the International Day of Reflection and Commemoration of the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica (A/78/L.67/Rev.1) was adopted. We are grateful to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for its co-sponsorship of, and voting for, the resolution. The adoption of the resolution has great significance for the survivors and families of not only the Srebrenica genocide but of those who experienced mass atrocities across Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The adopted resolution condemns “any attempt to deny the genocide in Srebrenica and encourages any effort to bring the perpetrators to the international courts”. It is a provision which calls upon all countries to fulfil their obligations under the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. We are proud to see the United Kingdom is resolute in its responsibility to prevent further victimisation of survivors and their families through denial. It is a clear sign of support for Bosnia and Herzegovina in facilitating reconciliation and stability in the region. The adoption of the resolution also sends a clear message to the entire world that genocide cannot and will not go unpunished. In these current times, such a message is of particular importance.

Following the adoption of the resolution, we would ask that the United Kingdom include the lessons from the Srebrenica genocide in the national curriculum to ensure future generations are educated

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about the consequences and prevention of genocide. This would be a step towards building stronger and more cohesive societies for all.

As the 11 July draws closer and we prepare to commemorate the twenty-ninth anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, we are heartened to know the international community recognises the pain and suffering experienced and will stand with us as we mark the first International Day of Reflection and Commemoration of the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica.

We unreservedly thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zaim Pasic', written in a cursive style.

Zaim Pasic
Chairman