



**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**  
Permanent Mission to the United Nations  
New York



## **Concept Note**

### **High-level Commemorative Event**

on the occasion of the

### **International Day of Reflection and Commemoration of the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 78/282**

Organized by the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the UN and cosponsored by the Permanent Missions of Albania, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Rwanda, Slovenia, Sweden, Türkiye to the UN

**11 July 2024, 11 am – 12 pm**  
**UN General Assembly Hall**

Srebrenica marks one of the darkest chapters in modern human history. The war that followed the breakup of the former Yugoslavia claimed more than 100,000 lives in Bosnia and Herzegovina between 1992 and 1995, mostly of Bosnian Muslims, and displaced more than two million others. The list of atrocities committed during that time is overwhelming, but Srebrenica, without a doubt, became its darkest chapter. Previously declared as the UN “safe area,” 8,372 women, men, and children were systematically executed in July 1995 in and around the town of Srebrenica, the largest atrocity on European soil since the Second World War.

On 11 July, the people of Srebrenica will gather yet again around silent tombstones in Potočari to mark the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide. This year, they will add 14 more to the 6751 already standing in the Memorial Centre Potočari. 14 families will finally have closure. Pain, however, will remain forever.

On this day, 11 July, International Day of Reflection and Commemoration of the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica, pursuant to the General Assembly Resolution 78/282, we will add our voice in remembering their names and commemorating all innocent lives lost. But we will also send a strong message of hope, the resilience of the human spirit, and the power of justice.

**Opening remarks:**

- H.E. Dr. Zlatko Lagumdžija, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the UN

**The short documentary about Srebrenica (1 min.)****Video message:**

- H.E. Dr. Denis Bećirović, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina (4 min.)

**Speakers:**

- H.E. Mr. Dennis Francis, President of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly
- H.E. Ms. Alice Wairimu Nderitu, USG and Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide
- H.E. Mr. Elmedin Konaković, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- H.E. Ms. Antje Leendertse, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations
- Ms. Almasa Salihović, Survivor of the Srebrenica Genocide
- Dr. Nedžad Grabus, Mufti of Sarajevo, Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Co-President, Religions for Peace

**Minute of silence and reflection****Music Video - Srebrenica Inferno (4 min.)**

Performed by the Choir "Children of Srebrenica," author of the text Džemaludin Latić, music composer Đevalhudin Đelo Jusić. Courtesy of Al Jazeera Balkans

**Closing remarks:**

- H.E. Dr. Zlatko Lagumdžija, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the UN