

**United Nations Security Council Meeting on
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Let me congratulate you, Mr. President, on your assumption of the presidency of the Security Council for this month. I would also like to thank the leaders of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for their respective reports and for today's comprehensive briefings.

We note the continued progress by the Mechanism in fulfilling residual activities of the now-closed International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY). In addition, I would like to underline the successful conclusion of the Mechanism's mandate in an efficient manner and within a reasonable time frame is of crucial importance for justice and reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region.

Mr. President,

Throughout the years, the cooperation of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the ICTY has been steadfast and full, as evidenced by the Tribunal's reports. In the same vein, we remain devoted to contribute actively to the Mechanism's efforts to accomplish its mission.

Prosecuting war crimes, regardless of the national or religious affiliation of the perpetrators or victims, is of essential importance for long-term stability in the country and the region.

We would like to highlight the appreciation for the support of the European Union, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the United Nations Development Programme, in terms of strengthening the human and material resources of judicial institutions that are processing war crimes and in terms of general capacity-building.

Furthermore, consistent cooperation among the Prosecutors' Offices and the relevant authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Croatia, in accordance with the principles of international justice and the rule of law, is crucial to investigating and prosecuting war crimes.

Mr. President

In closing, I would like to emphasize that Bosnia and Herzegovina remains committed to investigate, prosecute and punish persons responsible for war crimes. We will continue to work on strengthening national judicial system. More justice means more trust and stability within Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region of Western Balkans.

Thank you for your attention.