## <u>Press Releases: 22nd Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide</u>

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Today marks the 22nd anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide. The American people join the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina in remembrance of those who lost their lives.

Honoring the memory of the more than 8,000 men and boys who perished is as important today as ever, when the remains of 71 newly-unearthed victims were laid to rest at the Srebrenica memorial. We will not forget the horror of that time, and we will continue to stand with the families of those who lost their loved ones, tirelessly seeking justice and refuting efforts to deny the genocide.

Our responsibility is not only toward the dead, but also toward the living. Only by building a better future for generations to come can we truly honor those lost in Srebrenica. That brighter future is only possible if the people and leaders of Bosnia and Herzegovina find the strength and courage to accept the past and come together to work for the benefit of all its citizens.

The United States deeply values its longstanding friendship with Bosnia and Herzegovina and continues to stand as a partner committed to our shared goals of peace and prosperity.

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