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**ADDRESSING**

at the International scientific conference "Srebrenica 1995-2015: Evaluation of heritage and long-term consequences of genocide"

Dear Sirs/Madams;

Dear participants of the Conference;

Dear presidents of the Academies of Science and Arts, rectors, senators, deans, sub-deans, professors and researchers;

Dear Mr. President of the Academy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Academician Milos Trifkovic;

Dear Prime Ministers, ministers, mayors; former members and Chairman of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Dear ambassadors, deputy ambassadors, consuls;

Dear representatives of scientific, cultural and religious life; members and representatives of the associations;

Dear generals and members of the Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina;erzegovin

Srebrenica is a paradigm of genocide!

Srebrenica is the saddest place in Europe!

Srebrenica is the most terrific event in Europe since the end of World War II!

Srebrenica is a dimmed jewel at the end of the world!

Srebrenica was destroyed, burned, killed, and neglected!

Srebrenica was left to its own resources!

Genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina is one in a series of genocide in the recent history of world civilization in the bloody mirror of the ideological pogrom and state-organized evil, with which politics, science and philosophy are still not able or not willing to radically settle up in thoroughly meaningful and life-promising way. A common phrase "that it never happens again"; this contextual-declarative mantra, inevitable during the anti-fascist and anniversary ceremonies, appears as an expression of moral hypocrisy, political inconsistency and irresponsibility of power-wielders.

Due to its inconsistency and the lack of responsibility, completely undisturbed, the bugaboo of Auschwitz was restored to life again, even in the same historic seconds (what a paradox!) at the UN safe area of Srebrenica in July 1995.

A commonsense question is to be asked: What has been committed or done in these unprotected-insecure areas throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina?

Of course, nothing that was already shown in the glimpse and sound all around the world. Rarely ever the perpetrators of the genocide announced and carried out their crimes so triumphantly as the ones in Srebrenica. It may sound as the paradox, but the genocide against Bosniaks in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina 1992-1995 is the most documented genocide of all genocide. Yet, despite the self-evidence and court judgments, genocide is persistently and openly denied with impunity. It is being done following the example of the cynical neo-Nazi propaganda.

The genocide in Srebrenica, even after court proceedings, does not represent what it would have to in a human sense and independently of any judgment: the reason of unquestioning conviction and indignation! But, no! They relativize guilt and hypocritically impose justifying reasons for the gutless passivity and reluctance of the international community during and after the aggression against Bosnia and Herzegovina and genocide against Bosniaks. At the same time, in the broader perspective, it directly adds and incorporates relays of evil and arrogant arbitrariness of those in power at the foundations of the future of humanity.

The logic of public and legally undisturbed evocation of new crimes and genocide illuminates ideological and psychological background of the bloody events. Namely, bureaucratic-technical sophistry of repression and neutralization of the moral momentum of its own activity, German Nazism in its thirties and Serbian Nazism in its nineties spread the space of undisturbed activity of the scientifically and academically designed programs of irrational evil. That was the evil that, in its ethno-patriotic stealth and command-driven ideological consciousness of his performers is not seen as a crime, but as an entirely justified "routine bureaucratic-technical task".

However, it is nothing new. But, from the spatially wider and historically deeper perspective European civilization has developed efficient means of mass destruction against the background of modern technology and rationalization, with the insensitive "technocratic and bureaucratic mentality” without which the crime of genocide against the Bosniaks would not be possible.

Genocide against Bosniaks, as well as everything that happened in Bosnia 1992-1995, was a rehearsal for posting false-alarming questions later and the try to establish a new world order in the XXI century while the siege of Bosnian cities served as a laboratory for testing human endurance.

Even if all had happened in a single day, we had to wait for ages to realize that the genocide in the UN safe area of ​​Srebrenica in July 1995 was not carried out suddenly or without the knowledge of the most powerful forces in the world. The hands of Chetnik assassins are not the only ones which were stained by the blood of innocent people of Srebrenica and Bosniaks in general, but also the hands of those who ruled over all, especially European capitals.

Does this civilization live or dwell on anything but fear, injustice and tyranny? Is this the most that can be attained? Is it its best achievements? Is the civilization uncivilized, as it was then when looking motionlessly at Sarajevo, Foca, Visegrad, Zvornik, Bijeljina, Brcko, Prijedor, Sanski Most...

Srebrenica was seriously wounded. Our vulnerability is almost always used against us. It is our weak point. Such vulnerabilities are also prerequisites for the experience of other people's misery. The capacity for empathy creates a foundation for morality.

Two decades after the genocide in Srebrenica, in the territory of UN safe area in July 1995, the consequences of the crime of genocide are evident among the survivors that are manifested in the essential aspects of human and social existence, individual and social life. Two decades after the genocide committed on the territory of UN safe area in July 1995, it is highly important to strengthen and support those who survived the genocide.

Being aware of systematically nurtured darkness which would hide the truth of the alleged genocide during the "civil war" in Bosnia and despite all the efforts of its lobbying-engaged repression the real truth about the aggression against the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina lives in the study works of analytically serious researchers. They think for themselves, serve the logic and language of historical fact by standing up against the evil and taking the side of the victim and her/his right to the historical and human justice.

Interdisciplinary Conference "Srebrenica 1995-2015: Evaluation of heritage and long-term consequences of genocide" was, among other things, an opportunity to exchange experiences and to gain an insight into the state of justice, transitional justice, as well as achievements in the implementation and protection of human rights and dignity of genocide victims. It is the chance to repeat the message and to draw a moral from it. The fact that the crime was committed can never move into the annals of history as the history which has passed. We have to admit the truth about the crime for it could overcome today's dominant politics and culture of lies.

The main objective of this scientific conference is the presentation of the results of scientific research on crimes against humanity and international law, especially of the genocide in the UN safe area of ​​Srebrenica in July 1995, as well as the condemnation of the crime in Srebrenica. One of the main goals is insisting on accountability of criminals. And finally, what happened in Srebrenica in July 1995 must not be forgotten! Never!

The fact is that this civilization deals with the genocide against Bosniaks for a long time as a terrifying pattern whose scientific analysis can bring to the mankind as much experiential usefulness used as much it caused damage to Bosniaks.

I would like to thank researchers from Bosnia and Herzegovina, the United States, Canada, Venezuela, Australia, Sweden, Norway, France, the Netherlands, Czech, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, who came to present their research results.

We hope that the spiritual forces of Srebrenica will overcome evil!

We really appreciate your work.