# Government of Montenegro

**To Mr. Milojko Spajić, Prime Minister**

Podgorica, 22 April 2024

# Subject: Initiative for Montenegro to sponsor the UN Resolution on the genocide in Srebrenica

Dear Mr. Spajić,

Considering that the Draft Resolution of the United Nations on the Genocide in Srebrenica will be presented on 17 April this year in New York in a closed session, we invite you to be consistent concerning the current position of Montenegro and join the countries that co- sponsor this Resolution. Since it is understood that Montenegro will vote for the Resolution on 2 May, we consider that it should go one step further and join the group of currently 18 countries of the world that co-sponsored it and who understand the importance of peacebuilding. From the states of the region, so far Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia and North Macedonia have announced that they will be co-sponsors of the aforementioned resolution.

As the most serious candidate for membership in the European Union, Montenegro must demonstrate the capacity not only to implement the decisions of international courts and respect its international obligations but also to demonstrate in practice that it nurtures the universal values on which the community it wants to join rests. Moreover, by nurturing regional cooperation and good neighborly relations for which it was recognized, Montenegro must significantly contribute to raising the culture of remembrance of the victims of the genocide in Srebrenica to the international level. The majority of Montenegro wants to pay respect to the victims of the Srebrenica genocide in a dignified manner, as it has done so far.

The UN resolution on the genocide in Srebrenica builds on the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, UN Resolution 827 on the establishment of the International Tribunal for War Crimes in the former Yugoslavia, the judgment of the International Court of Justice from February 2007 in which the crime in Srebrenica was declared genocide, as well as the judgments of the Hague Tribunal, by which so far seven people have been convicted of the genocide committed against the Bosniaks in Srebrenica.

In 2009, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the Declaration on the acceptance of the resolution of the European Parliament (EP) on Srebrenica in 2009, and in 2021 the Resolution on the genocide of Srebrenica, for which the majority of 55 MPs voted, while 19 were against, seven abstained (“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 66/2021 of 21/06/2021). Noting that the denial of the genocide in Srebrenica did not stop even after the adoption of that Resolution and that Remembrance Day was not established even though the Resolution provides for it,

it is clear that not enough has been done to accept the facts and responsibly ensure a common future.

Accordingly, we expect that by formally signing the form on the co-sponsorship of the United Nations Resolution on the Srebrenica genocide, you will show not only that you stand by everything that is written in these documents, but also that you place Montenegro on the right side of history, where it always belonged.

Thank you for considering the initiative, we expect that the Government will act by it and make us proud citizens of Montenegro.

Respectfully,

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