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Dear Colleagues and Friends:

We invite you to join us as an organizational sponsor for a campaign to arrest Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic. As the tenth anniversary of the massacre at Srebrenica approaches on July 11, 2005, there are numerous efforts underway in the US and internationally to see that these two indicted war criminals are finally brought to justice.

We believe a coordinated campaign with a list of sponsoring organizations will significantly help our work toward this goal.

In the US, there are currently three major efforts underway that involve the arrests:

1. A public petition campaign started by the Center for Balkan Development and the Advocacy Project demanding for the arrest of Karadzic and Mladic. There is currently a petition online at www.petitiononline.com/srebreni/petition.html. There may be other URLs for this petition shortly.
2. An advocacy campaign initiated by the Congress of North American Bosniaks and the Coalition for International Justice to gain support for House Resolution 199 and Senate Resolution 134. Among other things, the resolution calls for, "all persons indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) should be apprehended and transferred to The Hague without further delay, and all countries should meet their obligations to cooperate fully with the ICTY at all times." For more information on this, see campaign website: www.balkandevlopment.org/timeforjustice
3. Campaign members are contacting prominent Americans who were advocating for a more active US role in Bosnia in the early 1990s to write a letter to President Bush and gain his support for the arrest of Karadzic and Mladic. This may result in a press conference on either July 11 or on the anniversary of the indictments in later July, to draw attention to Karadzic and Mladic's continuing freedom and the need for arrest.

Please read through the following campaign description. We hope you will add your organization's name to this campaign.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Campaign Title:

TIME FOR JUSTICE: Campaign to Arrest Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic.

Goal of the Campaign

To see that Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic are arrested and brought to The Hague to stand trial for crimes committed at Srebrenica and at other locations in Bosnia. Their arrest should happen as soon as possible but no later than the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords on December 14, 2005.

Demands on the Bush Administration:

- Declare that the arrest of Mladic and Karadzic is a top priority for the Bush Administration.
- Allocate specific US intelligence and military resources to locate and arrest Karadzic and Mladic.
- Share all relevant intelligence with NATO allies and other interested parties in locating Karadzic and Mladic.
- Coordination efforts with NATO and other European counterparts in locating and arresting Karadzic and Mladic.
- Use diplomatic and economic pressure on Serbia and on the Bosnian Serb Republic in Bosnia to insure their full cooperation with international efforts to arrest Karadzic and Mladic.

Congressional Advocacy

Gain passage of House Resolution 199 and Senate Resolution 134 expressing the sense of both houses regarding the massacre at Srebrenica in July 1995

Expectations of Sponsoring Organizations:

1. Use your membership lists, website, and other means of constituency communications to promote the petition and advocacy campaign.
2. Use your contacts to gain additional campaign sponsors
3. Agree to the use of your organization's name in promoting this campaign
4. Appoint a key contact within your organization to act as the locus of communications relating to this campaign.
5. At your discretion, engage in other campaigns and activities that would support the goals of this campaign, and keep the campaign informed of these activities

If you agree to these basic principals and are ready to add your organization's name as a sponsor of this campaign, please send an email to Glenn Ruga at glenn@balkandevlopment.org. Also, please indicate the name, email address, and phone number of the person within your organization who will be the main contact.