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Statement of ICTY Registrar John Hocking on the transfer of Goran Hadžić

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Good afternoon,

I have just returned from receiving Mr Hadzic at the airport. The Dutch authorities have transferred him to the United Nations Detention Unit where he will be detained during his trial. As with all of our accused, my role is to ensure that Mr Hadzic's detainee rights are respected at all times and that the conditions of custody meet the highest international standards. This will include providing him with the best possible medical care and adequate facilities for the preparation of his defence.

Following Ratko Mladic's arrest at the end of May, Mr Hadzic was the last remaining fugitive of the 161 people indicted by the Tribunal. His arrest confirms the extraordinary success story that is the ICTY. It sends a very strong signal throughout the world that international criminal justice is achievable. The era of impunity is now over for all those who have been indicted by the ICTY. This is a historic occasion and confirms the truly visionary step the Security Council took back in 1993 in establishing the ICTY.

In particular, it is a big day for all of the people of the former Yugoslavia and especially the victims of the wars of the 1990s. The Tribunal will now be able to focus its efforts on the completion of its judicial work. This will cement the legacy of the ICTY and ensure that its achievements continue resonating long after it has closed its doors.

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