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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the arrest and transfer of Milomir Stakic to the Hague**

The European Union welcomes the arrest and transfer by the authorities in Belgrade 23-24 March of the former mayor of Prijedor in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr Milomir Stakic, indicted by the International Criminal War Crimes Tribunal (ICTY).

The European Union appreciates this concrete sign of co-operation by the authorities in Belgrade, as well as some other recent positive developments, and reiterates its call upon all States and entities concerned to fully comply with their obligation to co-operate with the ICTY, and on all persons indicted by the ICTY to voluntarily surrender to the Tribunal.

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