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**DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON
THE SITUATION IN SREBRENICA**

The European Union

- strongly condemns the attacks launched by the Bosnian Serb forces on the safe area of Srebrenica and their subsequent occupation of the town. These attacks constitute a flagrant violation of the United Nations Security Council resolutions 819, 824 and 836;
 - demands an immediate halt to the Bosnian Serb forces' offensive and their withdrawal from Srebrenica, as well as full observance of the safe area status by all parties;
 - demands the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages and UNPROFOR personnel being held, and full freedom of movement for the civil population of Srebrenica and for UNPROFOR;
 - requests that humanitarian aid organizations be allowed unrestricted and immediate access to the Srebrenica area in order to ensure supplies of water, food and medicines, and to enable the wounded to be transported to hospitals;
 - expresses its grave concern at the bombardment of Zepa and demands that it stop immediately.
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