



GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGIONS SHOULD SUPPORT UN RESOLUTION ON SREBRENICA

The Western Balkans Strategy Group, working under the auspices of the Heinrich Boll Stiftung, is urging governments of the Western Balkans, particularly Serbia and Montenegro, to actively support the UN Resolution on Srebrenica. These countries are the only ones in the region that have not co-sponsored the resolution, which aims to memorialize the genocide in Srebrenica.

The Western Balkans Strategy Group supports the appeals from the civil society organisations within Montenegro and Serbia, who emphasize that acknowledging the gravity of the Srebrenica tragedy through co-sponsorship of the resolution is not only a moral duty but a necessary step toward justice and reconciliation. **A total of 31 countries have already positioned themselves in solidarity by co-sponsoring the resolution,** marking a collective commitment to remember the victims and confront the horrors of the past.

Nearly three decades after the genocide, the persistent lack of consensus in the region over the facts surrounding the events at Srebrenica, as well as the disregard for the final verdicts of the ICTY, is deeply concerning. This resistance to acknowledging established facts not only hinders the region's path toward reconciliation but also challenges the credibility and integrity of its governments. Recognizing and accepting the judgments of international tribunals is crucial in upholding the rule of law and ensuring that such atrocities do not repeat.

The support for the UN Resolution on Srebrenica represents a critical test of the values and principles upheld by authorities in the region. It is a measure of their commitment to human rights and an indication of their readiness to partake in the sustainable regional cooperation, as well as global efforts to ensure peace and justice.

The path to healing is long and arduous, but it begins with recognition and remembrance.