

Open Letter to the Governments of the European Union

We, the undersigned, are writing to express our concern that General Ratko Mladic will escape justice. Nearly a decade and a half after he was indicted for genocide by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), Mladic is still at large.

We support the insistence of the Government of the Netherlands that the apprehension of persons charged with carrying out genocide in Europe be a condition for the ratification of the Stabilization and Association Agreement with Serbia, a crucial step towards joining the European Union.

Insistence on conditionality led to the transfer of Radovan Karadzic to The Hague. Continued insistence will help ensure that Ratko Mladic faces justice.

In applying for membership in the European Union, President Tadic of Serbia promised that General Mladic would be apprehended. He acknowledged that arresting him was an obligation under international law. We urge you to make any further steps towards membership in the E.U. conditional upon the fulfillment of that obligation.

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