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Statement by Ms. Alice Wairimu Nderitu, Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, on Bosnia-Herzegovina

(New York, 23 February 2023) United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Alice Wairimu Nderitu expressed her concern over continuous incidents of revisionism concerning atrocity crimes perpetrated during the 1992-1995 conflict, including denial of the Srebrenica genocide. In particular, she raised concern over recent such incidents reported following a decision to amend the Law on the Center for the Srebrenica-Cemetery for the Victims of the 1995 Genocide. She reiterated the concerns she expressed during her two visits to the country in 2021 and 2022, noting that genocide denial and the glorification of war criminals continues to present a serious challenge to reconciliation efforts in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia determined conclusively that a Genocide was committed in Srebrenica. Denial of the genocide is an affront to international law and justice and to the dignity of the victims and survivors whose loved ones were killed simply because of who they were stressed.

The Special Adviser also acknowledged the tireless efforts of survivors and other civil society actors in Bosnia-Herzegovina,