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Distinguished Prime minister,

Distinguished Excellencies,

Allow us to address You on behalf of the survivors, victims and witnesses of the aggression on Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its citizens and to request that on April 10th of this year at the UN General Assembly , where public discussion titled “Role of the International Criminal tribunal in accomplishment of justice and lasting peace between nations”, Canada uses its influence as one of the most respected members of the UN and not to allow representatives of the member nations whose citizens were convicted of war crimes by international courts and whose governments still refuse to acknowledge conviction for genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina which has been delivered by a number of international legal bodies, to actively participate in this event.

We firmly believe that it is not prudent to have Vuk Jeremic, president of the UN General Assembly, participate in this event since he is a citizen of Serbia who in a very aggressive way promotes nationalistic interests of Serbia, country that still denies genocide committed in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We are confident that even on April 10th of this year his presentation at the UN General Assembly seating will be geared toward “equating guilt” and critique of the International Court for War Crimes for former Yugoslavia.

We would like to remind you that Vuk Jeremic was personally responsible for scandalous play of Serbian nationalistic song “Mars na Drinu”  which is a symbol of the extreme Serb nationalism, song which was used by fascist and nazy collaborators lead by Draza Mihajlovic as a motivator to commit crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the Second World War. The same song during the most recent aggression and genocide committed against citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina Serb aggressors were listening to while they were raping, destroying and expelling and mercilessly killing Bosniak civilians in the cities and concentration camps in Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1992 to 1995. This song was prohibited by the previous Government because it was inciting ethnic hatred, and even Serbian Government refused to use this song as a national anthem because of its provoking text and its history.

Institute for Research of Genocide is grateful to His Excellence Ban Ki Moon, Secretary General of the UN, for the fact that he publicly apologized on January 17th, 2013 expressing regret for pain that this incident caused to the victims and witnesses of the aggression on Bosnia and Herzegovina and genocide against its citizens. Secretary General has admitted  that this song should not have been a part of the official program and that he was not aware of its historic context.

Such behaviour of Vuk Jeremic is unacceptable and therefore we humbly appeal to you to prevent Vuk Jeremic from executing diplomatic lie at the UN General Assembly event to be held on April 10th, 2013.This would be a great Canadian contribution to the truth and justice in the world.

Please do not stay silent as a democratic country which has accepted us as its citizens after our traumatic ordeal caused by the aggression against our country, crime against humanity, war crimes and genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina, we survivors and direct witnesses of the above crimes ask for your help to have our voices as Canadian citizens heard. If we remain silent we will be accomplices of the above mentioned crimes.

History has thought us that all major projects start falling apart not with major but rather small errors which can bring suspicion and disgust against projects and institutions – such as the UN as a global guarantor of peace,  and we wish to remind you that with your efforts to have diplomatic sanctions imposed against Vuk Jeremic, president of the UN General Assembly, and barring his attendance at the public hearing to be held on April 10th of this year, you will demonstrate dedication to protection of integrity of the UN and to send a clear message to those who would dare damage the integrity of the UN in the future that such destructive acting would not be tolerated; that is does not pay to endure on the symbols of crime and spite against the international community where Canada has a very important role. Institute for Research of Genocide, Canada believes in open debate and free speech for all people, and is not trying to remove anyone's ability to do so in this matter. But the clear track record of open denial and obfuscation of the indisputable facts regarding the acts of genocide in Bosnia by nationalist forces of the Bosnian Serbs and their enablers in Serbia, makes providing a grand international forum to spread lies and disinformation about the genocide by their modern agents of historical distortion something that IGC cannot and will not support.

At the same time we invite all representatives of Bosniak and Bosnian and Herzegovina associations and individuals from all around the world to write a letter of similar content to their politicians and government representatives in order to prevent a diplomatic fraud which is in works for April 10th of this year at the UN General Assembly event perpetrated by Vuk Jeremic and in fact state of Serbia where he is coming from and to the detriment of the idea of humanity and peace, basics on which the Organization of UN is based upon.

Thank you for your attention regarding this urgent matter.

Sincerely yours,

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