**Day of Gratitude, March 6, 2022 – Press Release**

**The Coordination Committee** **“The World for Bosnia and Herzegovina”** is organising global celebrations of the Independence Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina on March 1 and, for the first time, the Day of Gratitude, which will be held on March 6, 2022.

The March rallies seek to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the proclamation of independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the most important historical and state-building act for all its peoples since WWII.

Although our homeland is celebrating three decades of independence and its membership in the UN, external and internal attacks on its state sovereignty and territorial integrity continue. That is why these March celebrations, as a continuation of the successfully organized rallies held in 35 cities in 14 countries on January 10 this year, seek to highlight the current political and security crisis in the country, as well as the increasingly belligerent attacks on the constitutional and legal order of the state. We are facing threats to peace by anti-democratic, anti-liberal, anti-European forces in the country and the region, supported by the policies of Moscow, Budapest, Belgrade and Zagreb.

The traditional celebrations of the Independence Day on March 1 will have a solemn and political character, while the new initiative, the Day of Gratitude on March 6, will be a festive gathering. With this open invitation to the joint celebrations, Bosnians around the world want to express gratitude to the citizens and societies of the countries which offered them a dignified life in a time when the forces of darkness were trying to wipe out their country, them as a people, and their culture. On the Day of Gratitude, Bosnians will present to their neighbours the best of their tradition, culture, and economy.

Gatherings are currently planned in more than 50 cities from Australia over Europe to the Americas. On Sunday March 6, 2022, all events will begin at 1:00 pm local time.

The Coordination Committee invites all Bosnians around the world to take part in these celebrations and once again show the whole world the place Bosnia and Herzegovina holds among modern societies.

The Coordination Committee consists of representatives from: Sweden, The Netherlands, Australia, United Kingdom, Italy, Canada, USA, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Norway, Finland, Germany, Croatia, Ireland, Austria, Belgium, France, Denmark, and Switzerland.

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If you also want to participate or organize a meeting, contact us at: independencedaybosnia1.3.2022@gmail.com