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To Whom It May Concern,

I write in my capacity as Deputy Registrar of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia ("ICTY") to express full support for the Model International Criminal Court Western Balkans (MICC WeB) project implemented by Humanity in Action, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Open Communication, Serbia; and HERMES, Croatia.

The MICC WeB project brings together students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Croatia to take part in joint moot court simulations of trials held before the different international tribunals. These sessions also involve workshops, guest lectures and other educational components. Finally, the project produces a variety of materials and reports to support its objectives.

The ICTY Outreach Program has been cooperating with the MICC WeB project since 2014. We have provided its organizers with extensive material about the work of the ICTY, as well as with guest speakers including two witnesses who testified before the ICTY and our Liaison Officer in Sarajevo.

The ICTY considers the MICC WeB project to be a fresh, creative and meaningful contribution to the process of transitional justice and peace building in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia. Not only does this project facilitate exchange and co-operation between students from different countries in the Balkan region, but it also provides them with the opportunity to learn together, through a hands-on approach, about war crimes, human rights violations and international justice, including the work of the ICTY. The ICTY recognises the excellent work of the MICC WeB project in this domain and strongly supports its continued implementation and further development.

The extent to which the legacy of the ICTY will contribute to furthering the processes of transitional justice and peace building in the region of the former Yugoslavia largely depends on local organisations and their interest and ability to use it for information, education and awareness-raising. The MICC WeB project is just such an initiative. It also goes hand in hand with one of the key goals of the ICTY's Outreach Programme: to engage the post-war generation, young people between 15 and 30 years of age, to enable them to reach informed opinions about their region's recent, violent past.

For all of these reasons, I encourage you to support this important project.

Yours faithfully,

Kate Mackintosh,
Deputy Registrar