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### **Visit to the International Court of Justice by the Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Mr. Šefik Džaferović**

THE HAGUE, 26 April 2022. H.E. Mr. Šefik Džaferović, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, accompanied by H.E. Mr. Almir Šahović, Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Netherlands, today paid a visit to the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, at its seat at the Peace Palace in The Hague.

Mr. Džaferović and his delegation met the President of the Court, H.E. Judge Joan E. Donoghue, and the Registrar, H.E. Mr. Philippe Gautier.

During the meeting, President Donoghue spoke about the role and work of the Court, emphasizing that the ICJ is always open to States parties to its Statute. President Džaferović, in turn, pointed out that the ICJ is “an institution which is, and should be, respected by the whole world”, adding that there is no future without justice in the modern world.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Džaferović signed the Visitors’ Book and exchanged gifts with the President of the Court. He was also given a brief tour of the Great Hall of Justice where the ICJ holds its public sittings.

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Photographs of the visit are available on the website of the Court in the “[Multimedia](#)” section.

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The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It was established by the United Nations Charter in June 1945 and began its activities in April 1946. The Court is composed of 15 judges elected for a nine-year term by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. The seat of the Court is at the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands). The Court has a twofold role: first, to settle, in accordance with international law, through judgments which have binding force and are without appeal for the parties concerned, legal disputes submitted to it by States; and, second, to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and agencies of the system.

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