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During the 1992-1995 war in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), thousands of women were raped by members of paramilitary groups, armies and police forces. The women's testimony resulted in widespread media attention, public outrage and changes in international law.

Fourteen years later, these women are still waiting for justice. Successive governments of BiH have failed to bring the perpetrators of war crimes of sexual violence to justice and to respond to the psychological, social, economic and health needs of the survivors.

Women who survived rape and other forms of sexual violence often feel ashamed to talk about what happened to them, even with their closest family. Thousands lost their husbands, fathers, sons during the war and now are the family breadwinners. Some women are afraid to return to their pre-war homes, where they might have to face the perpetrators of the crime. Post-traumatic stress disorder and gynaecological diseases are common effects of rape, but almost all these women have been left without any psychological support, and health care and other social services are often difficult for them to access.

Image: A woman who was raped by soldiers in the 1992-1995 conflict.
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Dear Prime Minister,

I am deeply concerned that women survivors of rape and other war crimes of sexual violence have still not received justice and reparation, 14 years after the end of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Under international law you have an obligation to provide all survivors of sexual violence with access to justice and reparation for the human rights abuses they have experienced.

I urge you to act now to develop a strategy on reparation for victims of war crimes of sexual violence, aimed at ensuring restitution, compensation, rehabilitation, satisfaction and guarantees of non-repetition to the victims.

Yours sincerely,

Name: _____

Country: _____

Attach postage stamp

**Prime Minister
(Chairman of the Council of Ministers)**

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