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PACE Rapporteur welcomes arrest of Mladic's aide and urges authorities to arrest the remaining fugitives

Strasbourg, 01.06.2007 - Tony Lloyd (United Kingdom, SOC), Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) Rapporteur on the Prosecution of offences falling within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), today welcomed the arrest by the Interior Ministries of the Republika Srpska and Serbia of Zdravko Tolimir, one of the remaining fugitive's war criminals.

Mr Lloyd noted that this arrest is an important step in the reconciliation process and demonstrates that, with the needed political will, fugitives can be found. "The arrest of Zdravko Tolimir is a very important step in the right direction" he said. "I welcome the fact that the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia cooperated in the arrest of Zdravko Tolimir. Both countries are internationally and morally committed to ensure full co-operation with the ICTY and this can only be done once all fugitives have been arrested and transferred to The Hague."

Mr Lloyd urged the authorities of both countries to continue to do everything in their power to locate and arrest the remaining fugitives and so to show that noone is above the law.

See Mr Lloyd's report (4 May 2007)