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Next Wednesday, April 6th, 2022, marks the 30th anniversary of the outbreak of the Bosnian War. The cruel war of aggression on multiethnic Bosnia and Herzegovina has left deep traces in European history. Thirty years later, the country is still far from the rule of law and a pluralistic civil society. Moreover, the impact of the Ukraine war on stability and peace in the Western Balkans is not yet foreseeable.

Together with his colleagues from the parliamentary group, including Dietmar Nietan, Member of the German Bundestag, Adis Ahmetovic has proposed a debate in the German Bundestag on the 30th anniversary of the start of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In this context, the MP and member of the Foreign Affairs Committee will also give his second speech in the German Bundestag - expected around 4:45 pm.

In his speech, the MP will discuss the role of Europe in maintaining peace in the Western Balkans region, as well as the possible consequences of the Ukraine war.

The speech can be followed on livestream at: https://www.bundestag.de/

After the speech we will of course send you a written version.

### Background:

The 28-year-old member of the Bundestag Adis Ahmetovic was born in Hanover as a child of Bosnian-Herzegovinian war refugees and was an advisor in the Lower Saxony State Chancellery under Minister President Stephan Weil until he entered the German Bundestag. In September 2021, Ahmetovic was directly elected to the German Bundestag. Since December 2021, he has been a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and, since January of this year, has been the main



rapporteur for the Western Balkans and deputy rapporteur for the regions of Russia and India for the SPD parliamentary group in the German Bundestag. In March 2022, Adis Ahmetovic was also appointed to the Subcommittee on United Nations, International Organizations and Civilian Crisis Prevention.