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Европейский Фонд Прав Человека

Mr Michael Ignatieff
President and Rector
Central European University

April 4th 2017,
Vilnius, Lithuania

Dear Mr Michael Ignatieff,

On behalf of European Foundation of Human Rights (EFHR) I am writing to express solidarity with Central European University and express our concern at proposed legislative changes to CEU's status in Hungary. These changes would endanger the academic freedom necessary for CEU's operation in Hungary.

In twenty-five years, CEU has established itself as a university with a global reputation for teaching and research. In international rankings, some of CEU's departments are rated among the top 50 in the world. CEU is a valued member of the international academic community and its presence in Hungary has added to the reputation of Hungarian academic life on the international stage.

We respectfully urge the government to withdraw the proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

On behalf of European Foundation of Human Rights,

Agneška Malinauskaitė

