



Warsaw, 3rd April 2017

Mr László Kövér
Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly

Mr Viktor Orbán
Prime Minister of Hungary

Dear Mr Speaker and Mr Prime Minister,

We are greatly disturbed by the proposed introduction of legislation which will make it impossible for the Central European university in Budapest to continue to operate in its present form.

During the years of its operation this university has become a valuable centre for international research, education and free exchange of ideas.

The Institute we represent has particular ties to CEU. For many years- the period 1995-2003 – the Sociology Department of CEU was located in Warsaw by means of an agreement with our Institute. We therefore value CEU all the more for its significance for international cooperation. We have therefore even more reason not to remain silent.

We ask therefore for withdrawal of the proposed legislation, thus allowing the Central European University in Budapest to continue to function for the good of the international community of scholars and students, and for the continued development of academic cooperation between the countries of our region of Europe.

Respectfully,

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