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CC:

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HE Mr. Zoltán Balog

HE Viktor Orban, Prime Minister of Hungary;

Minister of Human Capacities

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### PETITION LETTER

Your Excellency,

Greetings from Myanmar aka Burma, where China meets India (The New Crossroads of Asia!)

As concerned partners, alumni and friends of Central European University in Myanmar, we write to express our solidarity with CEU regarding the proposed amendments to the National Higher Education Law that could endanger the academic freedom and institutional autonomy vital for CEU's continued operation as an academic center of excellence in Budapest.

On behalf of the Political Alumni Association- University of Mandalay (PSAA-UM), I'm writing this to stand with CEU in solidarity for the betterment of Academic Excellence through Academic Freedom. We have a serious concerns about the future of the CEU, whose programs in Myanmar have been benefitting many universities and their faculty members and students alike. As you have been aware of the importance of Myanmar's geopolitical significance between China and India, the leading members of the BRICS, the future political developments in Myanmar will definitely have a great impact on the South-East Asia, one of the fastest growing regions of the world, and the entire Asia at large, in term of **International Peace & Security**.

Your Excellency **Mr. Zoltán Balog** knows more than I do about international peace and security in connection with Myanmar, its two giant neighbours China-India and the ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations). Myanmar desperately needs to continue many far-reaching CEU's educational programs aimed to upgrade the educational standards of Myanmar higher educational institutions including University of Mandalay in Mandalay which is poised to become a new economic hub of ASIA. The members of PSAA-UM (Political Science Alumni Association-University of Mandalay) earned Post Graduate Diploma in Political Science and Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations, which are in great demands and popularity because of the Courses' quality and usefulness. CEU's Programs in Myanmar deserve a big credit for its contributions to quality education with Department Political Science and International Relations.

We trust that continued consultation between the government of Hungary and CEU will produce a constructive solution that will ensure continued successful functioning of CEU in Budapest and set a good example of resolving such disputes and maintaining the freedom and quality of higher education institutions that are vital for our common progress and prosperity. **Last but not least, if CEU succeeds, then the Government of Hungary succeeds and your successful stories will give the rest of the world including Myanmar hope, courage and even inspiration.**

With Peace & Metta,

Yours sincerely



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