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AMBASSADOR OF HUNGARY, COPENHAGEN

**H.E. Ms. Eva Kjer Hansen**  
**Chairwoman of the European Affairs Committee**

13 November 2014

Dear Eva Kjer Hansen,

As the Chairwoman of the European Affairs Committee please be as kind as to forward my attached letter to the esteemed members of the committee.

Yours sincerely,

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László Hellebrandt



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**Dear Esteemed Members of the European Affairs Committee,**

I am writing to you to express my thoughts concerning Foreign Minister Martin Lidegaard's upcoming hearing on 14 November. Whilst expressing my deep appreciation that a respected institution like the European Affairs Committee of the Folketing pays attention to the ongoing events in my country, I have to admit that I have mixed feelings about the session of the committee due to the topics on the agenda and due to the characteristics of the session since it is not open to the ambassador whose country is the matter of the hearing.

I regret to hear about my country mainly in the negative context these days. Therefore, let me explain the grounds for the significant changes in the legislative and juridical procedures of the past four years in my country. In 2010 it was the first time possible in Hungary's post-communist history that a constitutional majority had the power to endorse a new fundamental law and to introduce significant changes in the country. They harmed the interests of many foreign and home companies, but lead the state and the citizens out of the debt trap of the credit crisis of 2008. With new laws in practice Hungary can see now new workplaces, an economic growth that is the highest in the region. In 2013 it was the first time since the country's EU-accession that the European Commission ended its excessive deficit procedure against Hungary. In 2014, third time in a row Hungary meets the Maastricht criteria. Earlier it was not the case.

We have to admit that the new laws were not perfect in many ways, and occasionally did not stand the proof of the EU-legislation. Therefore, the Hungarian government listened to the instructions of the European Commission and acted accordingly while making changes in the new regulations concerned. By now, due to the continuous dialogue between the EC and the Hungarian government most of the procedures have been ended. Let me remind you that the number of infringement cases against Hungary is 21 which is well below the EU average (30).



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In the last one year, since my arrival to Copenhagen, there have been many steps made to maintain a good dialogue between the parliaments of Denmark and Hungary. Recently the First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Hungary visited Copenhagen and met three of its partners, last week the delegation of the European Affairs Committee visited Hungary. Leading officers of the Hungarian Parliament's Office had different tours to the Folketing and studied your legislation and public relation policies and practices. We are convinced that only dialogue can lead us to a better mutual understanding. That is why the speaker and the presidium of the Folketing were invited to Hungary for 2015.

And that is why the Hungarian Embassy in Copenhagen and myself are always at your disposal for further discussions and cooperation. Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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