

Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva

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The Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva and has the honour to transmit hereby the letter of H.E. Mr. Péter Szijjártó, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary addressed to Mr. Dainius Puras, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and to Mr. Olivier De Schutter, Special Rappoerteur on extreme poverty and human rights in response to their joint urgent appeal (UA HUN 2/2020) dated on May 14, 2020.

The Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Budapest, "A" May 2020

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Even in these difficult times, every Hungarian citizen is provided with appropriate healthcare service, and I regret to see that while our healthcare practitioners are constantly trying their best to mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, You are wasting our time by attacking Hungary based on false allegations.

We all need to work exceptionally hard to contain the virus. Therefore, I kindly suggest that You do the same instead of spreading fake news and untrue information about Hungary.

If You are unable to help us in the current crisis, please at least refrain from hindering our defensive efforts.

Yours sincerely,

Péter Szijjártó



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