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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 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and hereby communicates the following.

With reference to communication *AL HUN 2/2021*, dated 15 April 2021, kindly find attached the letter of H.E. Mr. Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary to Mr. Diego García-Sayán, Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers.

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



Annex: 1 document

- *Letter of H.E. Mr. Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary to Mr. Diego García-Sayán, Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers*

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Geneva



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

MINISTER

Mr. Diego García-Sayán
Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Geneva

Budapest, "23" April 2021

Dear Special Rapporteur,

First of all I must categorically reject the personal attack on Justice Zsolt Varga. The false allegations raised in your letter concerning his election as the President of the Kúria are unfounded.

The Hungarian judiciary is completely independent. Judges perform their duties impartially on the basis of facts and in accordance with the law.

The Hungarian Government does not have any information on the political preference of any judge. How can you have such information and what is the source of it? This is astonishing and raises serious concerns about your highly important role and capacity as Special Rapporteur.

I encourage You not to become a political tool of the Hungarian opposition.

Yours sincerely,


Péter Szijjártó

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