



Budapest, 4th June 2018

**Mr Sybrand van Haersma Buma**

Party Leader of CDA

**Den Haag**

Mr Party Leader,

The party you are leading published a resolution about Hungary's governing party, Fidesz. Let me draw your attention to the following points:

The resolution of CDA

- lies saying, that the changes on the Hungarian constitution are threatening the rule of law and democracy;
- lies saying, that the changes on the Hungarian constitution are threatening the independence of judiciary, the freedom of press and independence of civil organisations;
- lies saying, that the changes on the Hungarian constitution are restricting the fundamental rights of freedom;
- lies saying, that Fidesz turned against European cooperation;
- lies saying, that Fidesz has intentionally used false facts during the campaign;
- lies saying, that the Prime Minister candidate of Fidesz promised revenge to the opposition.

It is especially painful when a much-honoured party in Europe, which formerly gave presidents like Ruud Lubbers or Jan Peter Balkenende, offends its Christian-Democrat ally. As CDA is a politically allied party of ours, its inaccurate statement could possibly be based upon misunderstanding. Nevertheless, so many factual incorrect statements, the way they are

formulated and the fact that we were informed through media about this unacceptable action, give us good reason to assume that we are facing deliberate lies. In particular, in view of the fact that you, as leader of CDA and Viktor Orbán as president of Fidesz met in Sofia just two weeks ago at an official bilateral meeting, where you could have got satisfactory answers to your concerns if raised.

Fidesz rejects the lies of CDA and, at the same time, we call upon the leadership of CDA to apologize for this insult. Until this happens Fidesz suspends all forms of contact with CDA and we withdraw our support from CDA candidates.

If the European People's Party wants to keep its unity, a value Fidesz is committed to, it is intolerable, that a member party attacks the other without prior consultation and by lies.

Yours sincerely,



**Katalin Novák**

Vice President of Fidesz