Dear President,

Kokoomus is a proud member of the EPP. EPP is the leading political force in Europe striving for European integration. EPP’s common core values are the dignity of human life, freedom and responsibility, equality and justice, truth, solidarity and subsidiarity.

We believe that for their implementation, a strong civil society is indispensable. We are also convinced that without a stronger European Union, the common good cannot be achieved and our core values cannot be implemented.

The EPP Congress in Helsinki adopted an emergency resolution “Protecting EU Values and Safeguarding Democracy”. Congress called on all EPP members and associations to respect, protect and promote EPP’s values and principles. The resolution also states that populism and nationalism are incompatible with progress, democracy and the rule of law.

With this in mind, I put forward the proposal of Kokoomus – the National Coalition Party in Finland to exclude Fidesz – the Hungarian Civic Alliance from the European People’s Party in reference to the Article 9 of the EPP Statutes. There are reasonable, serious grounds to conclude that Fidesz is in breach of EPP values and principles. It has crossed red lines and it has not kept the commitments that have been jointly agreed.

Next European People’s Party Political Assembly will take place in Brussels on 20 March 2019. I expect the EPP Presidency to add this issue on the agenda.

Yours sincerely,

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