



PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

State Secretary for European Union Affairs

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Honourable State Minister,

With reference to your letter dated on the 13th February 2018, in which you have expressed your political concerns concerning the 'Stop Soros' legislative package, let me hereby inform you about the following.

The Stop Soros draft act and campaign were preceded by a comprehensive national consultation in which the vast majority of respondents have expressed their position on migration. According to the unambiguous outcome of the consultation, the majority of Hungarian people refuse to live in an immigrant country.

The Hungarian Government wishes to comply with the will of the Hungarian people and therefore the aim of the Stop Soros legislative package is to restrain organisations and persons organizing, supporting or financing illegal migration. For the Hungarian Government, the security of Hungarian people is of utmost importance, and mass migration poses a serious security risk. We are convinced that all democratically elected governments have the right to introduce regulations in areas where their strategic national interests are affected.

The Hungarian Government views mass migration towards Europe as a problem which must and can be stopped. This is a legitimate European standpoint. One instrument of this struggle is the border fence. Since 2015, Hungary has spent 270 billion HUF from its national budget to defend its external Schengen borders, protecting not only itself but also preventing new masses of illegal migrants from entering the territory of the European Union, including Germany. However, despite all our efforts, many migrants are still trying to illegally cross the border with the support of certain organizations.

The Hungarian Government is always open for discussions and constructive dialogue, but instead of biased political opinions we expect our partners to respect our position. Hungary does not want to become an immigrant country and has the right to formulate such a position, in line with the will of the Hungarian people and its constitutional identity.

Yours Sincerely,


Szabolcs Takács
State Secretary

