

## PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOTIATION OF HUNGARIAN JUDGES (PRESIDENT OF AHJ)

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Distinguished President,

First of all I would like to thank you for your friendly wishes in relation with my election as President of Association of Hungarian Judges (MABIE). A close cooperation with the European Association of Judges (EAJ) is also objective of our Association particularly in regard with ensuring and strengthening of judges and judiciary.

Similarly to EAJ, MABIE also considers important to set up a working group to examine the administration of justice in Hungary as it was decided by the EAJ Presidency Committee.

MABIE offers its support and cooperation in the field of logistic background and organizing work to conduct the investigation.

Amongst others we would like to recommend the following points to conduct the investigation in particular:

- 1. The practice of appointing judges and court leaders under the authority of the President of the National Judicial Office.
- 2. The ineffectiveness and consequences of the interim election of missing members of the National

Judicial Council, lacks in collaboration between National Judicial Office and National Judicial Council.

3. Observance and safeguarding of rights of participation in regard of groups of representatives, MABIE in particular.

I hope that the mission of the EAJ working group with collaboration of MABIE will contribute to the resolution of anomalies in Hungarian judiciary.

Xours sincerely

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President of the Association of

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