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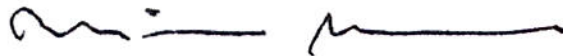
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Dear Ms Alexa,

Thank you very much for drawing my attention to the recent constitutional amendment relating to the powers of the Hungarian Constitutional Court. I am following developments in this area as they relate to the fundamental principle of respect for European democratic standards. I am also aware that there are plans for the adoption of an entirely new Constitution in your country. This would provide an opportunity to re-examine the issue of the jurisdiction of the Constitutional Court in a more comprehensive manner.

I have therefore written to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary, Mr Martonyi, asking him for more information about these plans. I encouraged him to make full use of Hungary's membership in the Council of Europe and of the expertise of the Venice Commission in this context.

Yours sincerely,



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