



Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations Office
and Other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Decaux
Chair
Committee on Enforced Disappearances

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Dear Mr. Chair,

I would like to express my profound appreciation for the valuable work of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances and your leadership in ensuring a wide recognition of the necessity that enforced disappearance constitutes a criminal offense and that its widespread practise is regarded as a crime against humanity. I would also like to congratulate you and the experts on the Committee of the first anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention.

In response to your letter, we wish to inform you that after Hungary accepted the UPR recommendation in 2011 to accede to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and we initiated the necessary internal consultations with a view to prepare the decision regarding the ratification. This has been a multi-phase process where the relevant governmental departments expressed their positive opinion regarding the future ratification of the Convention.

In the course of these examinations no technical objections against the recognition of the competence of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances established by Art. 26 of the Convention were raised.

The Government intends to submit the draft legislation on the accession to the Parliament in the second half of 2012. I will be my pleasure to inform you when the necessary legislative steps will have been finalised.

Respectfully yours,


András Dékány
Ambassador

