



MINISZTERELNÖK

Madam Ursula von der Leyen,

President of the European Commission

Brussels

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Dear Madam President,

Since our accession in 2004, Hungary has always been a committed Member State of the European Union. We have always strived, mostly with success, to reach a negotiated solution to our disputes. We appreciate your activities as President of the Commission.

However, I am now forced to write you regarding the latest derogatory public statements of Vice President Věra Jourová. According to the Vice President, in Hungary a "sick democracy" is being built, and in addition she insulted EU citizens of Hungarian nationality by saying that they are not in a position to form an independent opinion.

These statements are not only a direct political attack against the democratically elected Government of Hungary that has become commonplace, but also a humiliation to Hungary and the Hungarian people. The former is inappropriate, the latter is unacceptable.

The statements are in contradiction with the Commission's role as a neutral and objective institution enshrined in the Lisbon Treaty. They are a blatant violation of the principle of sincere cooperation and prevent any meaningful future dialogue between Hungary and the Vice President.

Those who violate the Treaties cannot pose as the defenders of rule of law and European values. The statements of Vice President Věra Jourová are incompatible with her current mandate, therefore her resignation is indispensable. Meanwhile, the Hungarian Government suspends all bilateral political contacts with her.

Yours sincerely



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