

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 25 March 2013

Dear Mr Kádár,

Thank you very much for your e-mail of 26 February drawing my attention to the Fourth Amendment to the Fundamental Law of Hungary.

As you may already know, in a joint statement with the President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso, we have voiced our concerns as to the compatibility of this Amendment, adopted on 11 March, with the principle of the rule of law, EU law and Council of Europe standards.

The Council of Europe Venice Commission and the European Commission will now make a detailed assessment of this Amendment.

Yours sincerely,



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