



PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker,

President of the European Commission

Brussels

Budapest, 24th June 2015

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to inform you about the situation that emerged as a consequence of the migratory pressure which reached exceptional dimension in Hungary and about the intentions of my Government.

As you know Mr. President, the number of illegal border crossings and of asylum applications reached an unprecedented number of 61,000 this year representing an insurmountable pressure on the Hungarian infrastructure.

Despite the exceptional circumstances Hungary continues to fulfill all its relevant EU obligations, no legislation has been modified or suspended in the context of the application of the Dublin legislation.

I should like to inform you also Mr. President, that the situation has been aggravated by the intention of a number of member states to transfer asylum seekers duly registered in Hungary, but already having left the territory of Hungary back to Hungary. That intention coincides with the fact that the migratory flows from the direction of Serbia have not been reduced, to the opposite, they intensify. For that reason in order to meet our obligations all forces are concentrated on the Southern border sections, therefore in terms of reception infrastructure Hungary is simply technically temporarily not capable of receiving people sent back from the Western direction. We are doing our best efforts to overcome these difficulties.

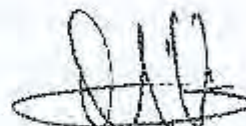
I am of the view however, Mr. President, that the intervention of the European Commission is necessary to give effect to the general rule that the member state at which asylum seekers or illegal migrants first enter the territory of the EU have to live up to their responsibilities. It needs to be clarified that the first entry at the EU for almost all of the migrants appearing and registered in Hungary is not Hungary, but Greece, as frontline state. I request your assistance Mr. President to give effect to the general rule. I inform you that I requested Minister Trócsányi to contact Vice-President Timmermans for that reason also. I asked Minister Szijjártó to contact High Representative Mogherini to consult on issues related to the Western Balkan routes.

I would also like to inform you Mr. President that the Hungarian Government is determined to meet its obligation to ensure the proper protection of its external borders which are external borders of the EU and of the Schengen Area.

I believe it is crucial to find a European solution which is really systemic and geographically comprehensive to the migratory pressure particularly severely affecting Hungary. I am very much looking forward to our discussion on this matter at the European Council tomorrow. I personally and my Government is at your disposal for all common action which bring us closer to a satisfactory solution.

I should also like to inform you Mr. President that I have sent a letter with similar content to President Tusk seeking his support.

Yours sincerely,



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