

HUNGARIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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H.E. Ambassador Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis Embassy of the United States of America Budapest, Hungary

Dear Ambassador Kounalakis,

I am writing to thank you for your personal care and efforts, also your country team's continuous work, in our security cooperation. I also want to let you know how much we in the Hungarian defence establishment, indeed in our government, appreciate the US assistance provided in support of the Hungarian Defence Forces.

Dear Elehi,

We regard the transatlantic ties indispensable for NATO, and believe that maintaining and strengthening the robust, value based relationship with the United States is one of Hungary's most important national interests.

We, in fact, are stronger together and I am convinced that our joint security endeavors will help the Alliance face the threats and challenges of the 21st century.

Sincerely yours,

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