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His Excellency
Mr. Viktor Orbán
Prime Minister of Hungary
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Hungary

8 January 2013

Dear Prime Minister,

It is our great pleasure to write to you to inform you that the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress has decided to convene the 14th Plenary Assembly of the World Jewish Congress from Sunday, 5 May, until Tuesday, 7 May 2013, in Budapest.

The Plenary Assembly is the supreme body of the World Jewish Congress, which meets every four years and gathers delegates representing the Jewish communities of one hundred countries around the globe that are affiliated with the WJC. The delegates discuss issues of concern to Jews and Jewish communities internationally and set policy for the organization for the following years. The meeting is typically attended by around 500 participants from communities in North America, Latin America, Europe, Euro-Asia, Southern Africa, Australasia and Israel.

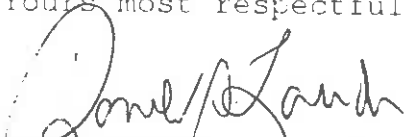
Of particular current relevance are the ramifications for the countries of the Middle East in general, and for Israel in particular, of the Arab uprisings which began two years ago in December 2010: the ongoing political instability in the countries neighboring Israel is of great concern. Naturally the stalled peace process between Israelis and Palestinians is another subject that will be on the agenda. The resurgence of extreme right wing anti-Semitism in Europe and challenges being made to freedom of religious practices are also issues of concern. The program will also include a session dedicated to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

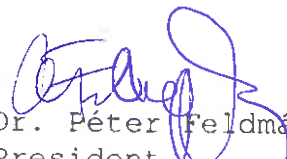
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We would be most honored if you would accept this invitation to give an address at the Plenary Assembly and to share with the delegates your perspective on these subjects.

The Plenary Assembly is being organized by the World Jewish Congress in full cooperation with the Magyarországi Zsidó Hitközségek Szövetsége, the official representative body of Jews in Hungary.

Yours most respectfully,


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Dr. Péter Feldmájer
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