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Dear Ms Hilbert,

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to talk to the representatives of the National Judicial Council of Hungary (OBT) last week in Lisbon. The OBT delegation kindly invited an ENCJ delegation to Budapest. I am pleased to inform you that the Executive Board of the ENCJ gladly accepts the kind invitation of OBT for a courtesy visit of an ENCJ delegation on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

I believe that the meeting will provide an excellent opportunity for the ENCJ delegation to get acquainted with the new Members of the OBT and learn about the latest developments in Hungary in particular in relation to the Judiciary.

I understand that an interview that I gave and that was published by Reuters has created some difficulties. I am very sorry about this, particularly because I never used the words “intervention” in my interview. The ENCJ is a network of co-operation and assists its Members in promoting independent, accountable and high-quality judiciaries through dialogue and collaboration. The ENCJ does not and will not intervene as this would be outside its remit.

Moreover, I did not mention or refer to the re-organisation of the administrative courts in Hungary. This issue has not been raised by the representatives of the OBT. During the interview with Reuters I have said that I could not comment as I did not have any information on the subject.

I am looking forward to meeting you in July.

Kind regards

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President of the ENCJ