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HIS EXCELLENCY MR. BORIS TADIĆ,  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA,  
ON THE OCCASSION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE BY  
HIS EXCELLENCY MR. IMRE VARGA,  
AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY TO THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

Belgrade, 9 September 2009

Your Excellency,

It is my great pleasure to receive the Letters by which His Excellency, Mr. Laszlo Solyom, President of the Republic of Hungary, is accrediting you as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Serbia.

May I ask you, Excellency, to convey to President Solyom, at whose invitation I will visit Hungary in October, my cordial greetings and the assurances of my highest consideration.

Mr. Ambassador,

Strengthening of regional cooperation and development of the good-neighbourly relations are one of the foreign policy priorities of my country. I am convinced that in the realization of this goal Republic of Hungary will remain our reliable and true partner, as was the case in the past.

I expect that we will continue to strengthen our political, economic, cultural, scientific and other forms of cooperation for which there is mutual readiness and interest. In the achievement of this goal a large Hungarian ethnic community living in Serbia plays an important role in building of the democratic society and is successfully integrated in all political structures in our countries.

Excellency,

We appreciate very much the support of Hungary to Serbia's road towards the full membership in the European Union, which is the strategic national goal of the Republic of Serbia. We expect that from the beginning of next year our citizens will travel to the EU countries without visas which will be a symbolic step towards the full European integration.

Excellency,

Intensifying of cooperation in the area of economy and finalization of joint infrastructural projects such as Belgrade-Budapest highway, normalization of the navigation on the Danube river and modernization of the railway traffic are the corner stones of strengthening economic cooperation between Serbia and Hungary. The goal of Serbia is to be, like Hungary, the country that the South Stream and Nabuko gas pipe-lines will run through. I am convinced that such a solution would create opportunities for the realization of a number of joint strategic and investment projects of Serbia and Hungary and that it would contribute to the energy stability of the entire region.

Excellency,

Serbia will continue to fight for its interests, using all political and diplomatic means, as well as to respect international law regarding the issue of Kosovo.

We expect that the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the unilaterally declared independence of Kosovo and Metohija will enable the resumption of status negotiations between Belgrade and Pristina which would lead to the just and lasting solution. Appreciating the restraint of Hungary in this process we expect its support for the full respect and implementation of the norms of international law.

Excellency,

May I wish you every success in the discharge of your responsible duties. I am sure that with your knowledge and experience that you acquired during your long stay in Serbia you will make an important contribution to the development of the overall cooperation between our two countries.