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BUDAPEST

Your Excellency

On the occasion of the Day of Foundation of the State of Hungary and King Saint Stephen's Day, I wish to convey to you, the Government and the people of Hungary my warmest wishes, together with those of the Australian Government and people.

At the outset I congratulate you on Hungary's successful bid for United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) membership for the term 2017-19. Australia was pleased to support Hungary's candidacy and I appreciate Hungary's support of Australia's own candidacy in this forum for the term 2018-20. I hope we serve alongside Hungary in the HRC to promote our shared commitment to human rights.

The bilateral relationship is warm and growing, underpinned by vibrant people-to-people links. The bilateral Work and Holiday Maker visa arrangement, which commenced in January this year, has enabled Australia to welcome more than 50 Hungarians. We hope that this number will grow.

I would also like to extend my compliments to you on Hungary's successful hosting of the Budapest Water Summit in late 2016. Water management is of crucial importance to Australia, and we welcome Hungary's work and engagement in this area.

It was a pleasure meeting you in Canberra last November and I look forward to a possible visit to Hungary soon.

May I express my confidence that the friendly relations between our two countries will continue to prosper in the coming year.

Yours sincerely

Peter Cosgrove
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