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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Hungary presents its compliments to the President of the 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly and has the honour to communicate the following:

The Government of the Republic of Hungary has decided to present its candidature for membership in the Human Rights Council of the United Nations for the period of 2006-2008 at the elections in the General Assembly to be held in New York on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

Hungary is deeply committed to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, strongly supporting all efforts aimed at the full and effective implementation and further development of international human rights law. Hungary has always been actively engaged in the work of the Commission on Human Rights, either as an Observer or as a Member State of that important UN forum. To further promote the noble cause of human rights and fundamental freedoms, Hungary seeks membership in the new Human Rights Council in the belief that it can effectively contribute to the work and activities of the Council.

Hungary is a State Party to the six basic United Nations Human Rights Conventions, and also ratified both Additional Protocols to the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights. Hungary accepted the possibility of receiving individual complaints with regard to the provisions of all of those UN human rights instruments where it is possible.

The Government of the Republic of Hungary has decided to make the following voluntary commitments in the field of the promotion and protection of human rights:

- Hungary will ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.
- Hungary pledges to uphold a standing invitation for mandate holders of human rights special procedures.
- Hungary also pledges to ensure a continuous voluntary contribution to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- Furthermore, Hungary commits itself to keep the deadlines with respect to the submission of periodic reports on the implementation of international human rights instruments and is going to pay special attention to the follow-up of the recommendations issued by the treaty bodies.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Hungary avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the President of the 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly the assurances of its highest consideration.

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