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BUDAPEST STATEMENT ON EU ENLARGMENT

of the

Parliamentary Delegations of Countries of South East Europe and the Visegrád Group

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The Speakers of Parliament of Southeast European countries and the Visegrád Group reinforce their support of the enlargement of the European Union. They call the attention of the heads of Member States to the fact that the key to success and prosperity of the EU is the clear commitment enshrined in Article 49 of the Treaty on the European Union, which states that all European States can join the EU under the condition that they share the same values.

The enlargement policy has been one of the most successful policies of the EU. The EU should remain open towards the countries, which share common values lying at the heart of the EU and are willing to adapt to its standards. Therefore, this policy, which unfortunately seems to have slowed down after the last meeting of the European Council, must be strengthened.

The accession of the states of South East Europe to the EU not only has an impact on the security, stability and prosperity of the region itself, but also on that of the entire continent.

The Speakers consider it a historical mistake that the last European Council could not reach a decision on the start of accession negotiations with the two candidate countries that had fulfilled the required conditions. The Speakers call on the political leaders of the EU Member States to do their utmost to reach a decision on the start of accession talks with Albania and North Macedonia at the earliest possible time.

The Speakers stand by the approach of providing the opportunity to each state of the region to progress, based on their own merits, with the final objective of becoming a member of the European Union. They also emphasise the need to make the process of accession more dynamic with the countries already in the negotiation phase.

The Speakers express their hope that common efforts of the EU Member States, EU institutions and the aspirant countries will result in enlarging the Union within the coming years.

The Speakers of Parliaments of Southeast European Countries express their gratitude to the Speakers of Parliaments of Visegrád countries for their strong commitment, support and lobbying to accelerate the opening of accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia

The Speakers invite the Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly to forward this Statement to the President of the European Council, the current presidency of the Council of the EU, the Presidents of the European Parliament and the European Commission, as well as to all speakers of the national Parliaments of European Union Member States.

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