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OF THE TESTIMONY TO NATIONAL UNITY

We, the representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Hungary;
believing that God is the Master of history, with those who try to understand the course of history from other sources;
for our homeland and the entire Hungarian nation, keeping with our constitutional responsibilities;
remembering one of the greatest tragedies that befell the Hungarian nation: the dismembering of Hungary, forcing the nation under the rule of several neighboring states imposed by the dictated peace Treaty of Trianon, signed on June 4, 1920;
recalling the host of political, economic, legal and psychological problems unresolved to this day caused by the imposed peace treaty;
respecting the interests significant to the Hungarian nation and the right of other nations to a different judgment on these issues;
led by the intention to contribute to a peaceful future for the peoples and nations of the Carpathian Basin, based on mutual understanding and cooperation, and at the same time, to the reunification of Europe torn by the tragedies of the 20th century;
enact the following law:

1.

The National Assembly of the Republic of Hungary pays its respect to all people, communities and their leaders as well as to their memories, who after the tragedy of June 4, 1920, when the Hungarian nation was unjustly dismembered by foreign powers, were able with their labor and sacrifice, to reinvigorate intellectually and economically the Hungarian nation so that it was able to also survive subsequent tragedies. The National Assembly bows to the memory of all the men and women, who in the struggle of the last ninety years, suffered disadvantages, grievances on account of their Hungarian identity. We particularly remember those who were forced to give their lives in defense of their national identity.

2.

The National Assembly of the Republic of Hungary declares that historical attempts to solve the issues raised by the peace Treaty of Trianon, including border modifications with the assistance of foreign powers as well as attempts to do away with national identity on account of a cosmopolitan ideology have failed. Keeping that in mind, the National Assembly declares that these issues should be solved only within the framework
of international law applied to citizens and communities in a democratic and sovereign way able to provide economic advancement, legal security and demonstrably legal equality involving countries committed to equality and mutual respect, that can derive only from the liberty of the individual – including his right to choose his national identity – and the right of the national communities to internal self-determination. At the same time, the National Assembly condemns any effort aimed to assimilate national minorities in the territory of any given state.

3.

The National Assembly of the Republic of Hungary declares that every Hungarian individual or community that have been thrown under the jurisdiction of several states, are part of the unified Hungarian nation, whose connexion transcending borders is a reality and, at the same time, it is the determinative element of their individual and communal identities. On this basis, the National Assembly reaffirms Hungary’s commitment to the members and communities of the Hungarian nation to maintain and promote their relationship, and to support their natural demands for various forms of communal autonomy based on accepted European norms and practices.

4.

The National Assembly of the Republic of Hungary considers its responsibility to call members of our nation currently living and the generations to follow to remember forever the national tragedy imposed by the Treaty of Trianon but also to keep in mind the offenses caused by our imperfections to members of other nations, and to learn from them, to gain strength from the examples of our common struggle in the last ninety years, from the examples of collaboration from the achievements of our national renewal, to keep acting to strengthen our commitment to national unity. With this in mind, the National Assembly declares June 4, 1920, the day of the Treaty of Trianon, as the Day of National Unity.

5.

This law will enter into force on June 4, 2010.
The Treaty of Trianon signed on June 4, 1920 left an indelible, yet to this day unresolved mark on the consciousness of the peoples of Central Europe, for generations influencing directly or indirectly political and historical events in the region. The states and nations of Central Europe relate to the treaty in different fashions depending on its consequences to themselves. While for some countries Trianon meant the realization of their aspiration to a national identity and as such was a progressive event, for Hungarians it was the greatest tragedy of the 20th century.

The national remembrance and the interest of promoting a common future for the peoples of the Carpathian Basin vindicating European values, gives us the task of understanding and resolving the issues brought up by the decisions taken at Trianon. At the same time, it gives us the opportunity to prove that, despite a historic tragedy, the Hungarian nation, nurtured by her culture and language is capable of national renewal and the solution of her historic tasks.

Budapest, May 19, 2010

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To Dr. Pál Schmitt
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Dear Mr. President:

According to Section 85 of Resolution 46/1994.(IX 30) OGY on the rules of the National Assembly we would like to introduce the following proposal entitled: “On the Testimony of National Unity”

Budapest, May 19, 1920

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