## "MAY THERE BE PEACE, FREEDOM AND ACCORD"

At the end of the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, after forty-six years of occupation and dictatorship and two turbulent decades of transition Hungary has regained the right and ability of self-determination.

The fight of the Hungarian nation for self-determination began in 1956 with a glorious uprising that was eventually drowned in blood. The struggle continued with the political pacts after the fall of communism and led to vulnerability instead of freedom, indebtedness instead of autonomy, poverty instead of prosperity, and a deep spiritual, political and economic crisis instead of hope, optimism and fraternity. In the spring of 2010 the Hungarian nation once again summoned its vitality and brought about another revolution in the voting booths. The National Assembly declares its acknowledgement and respect of this revolution fought within the framework of the Constitution.

The National Assembly declares that a new social contract was laid down in the April general elections through which the Hungarians decided to create a new system: the National Cooperation System. With this historical act the Hungarian nation obliged the incoming National Assembly and Government to take the helm in this endeavour, resolute, uncompromising and with deliberation, and control the construction of the National Cooperation System in Hungary.

We, members of the National Assembly declare that we shall elevate the new political and economic system emerging on the basis of the popular democratic will to the pillars that are indispensable for welfare, for living a decent life, and that connect the members of our diverse Hungarian society. Work, home, family, health and order - these will be the pillars of our common future.

The National Cooperation System is open for every Hungarian. It is shared by Hungarians living in and out of Hungary. It is an opportunity for, as well as a requirement of, everybody who lives, works or has an undertaking in Hungary. We firmly believe that we will be able to change Hungary's future through the solidarity represented by the National Cooperation System and build a strong and successful country. This solidarity that releases tremendous energies and gives great hope to every Hungarian wherever they live in the world and whatever their age, sex, religion and political views, after decades gives a chance to the Hungarians to fulfil their own goals at last. This is what we stake the coming years of our lives on.

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