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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you on behalf of the standing committee on European Affairs of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands to express our deepest concern and strongest condemnation regarding the recent developments in Hungary concerning the rights of the LGBTQI+ community.

We have recently learned that the Hungarian Parliament has passed a law effectively banning Pride marches in your country. This law not only violates fundamental human rights and freedoms enshrined in international treaties, such as the right to freedom of assembly and expression, but also undermines the core values of the European Union. The European Union is founded on the principles of respect for human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. These values are enshrined in the Treaty on European Union and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. By restricting the rights of the LGBTQI+ community, Hungary is violating these fundamental European values and jeopardizing the unity and integrity of the Union.

The House of Representatives of the Netherlands is convinced that the protection and promotion of the rights of all citizens, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, is crucial for a democratic and just society. We therefore urge you to immediately repeal this law and ensure that the rights of the LGBTQI+ community in Hungary are respected and protected.

We stand in solidarity with the LGBTQI+ community in Hungary and will continue to support their struggle for equality and justice. We hope that the Hungarian government will align itself with these international norms and values and take steps to guarantee the rights of all citizens.

Yours sincerely,

Chair of the standing committee on European Affairs of the House of Representatives,

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