

Recommendations of the Hungarian Lawyers' Association

The Hungarian Lawyers' Assembly held in the tenth year following the adoption of the Fundamental Law has reviewed the changes of legal relevance in the past decade. It is the considered opinion of the Assembly that the constitutional legislator – by observing the rules of constitution-making – adopted a Fundamental Law in place of the former temporary Constitution that preserves the public law traditions of the country and undertakes responsibility for future generations. Hungary participates in the system of cooperation of European countries while maintaining her constitutional identity and essential state functions. The supreme body of the protection of the Fundamental Law shall be the Constitutional Court.

The Assembly welcomes the renewal of the Hungarian legal system over the past ten years. Through the involvement of the different branches of the legal profession and the representatives of academia state-of-the-art substantive and procedural codes have been created. Among others, the laws on the regulation of all branches of the legal profession as well as on the enforcement of fundamental rights have been prepared. The Assembly has reviewed the entry into force and practical implementation of these codes and has identified *de lege ferenda* recommendations. It is to be welcomed that the elevation of the standard of legal education appeared as a highlighted objective, realized – among others – through scholarship grant programs made available to all faculties (schools) of law. Representatives of the Hungarian legal society consider sustaining and reinforcing the public trust in the administration of justice, its actors and in general in all branches of the legal profession their particular goal.

The Hungarian Lawyers' Assembly deems it to be of definitive significance that the different branches of the legal profession may give their opinion in the process of preparing the most important pieces of legislation; that adequate time be provided to prepare for the entry into force of these laws; and that the different branches be heard in relation to any impact assessment subsequent to such entry into force. High-standard legislation as well as such application of the law are key to ensure the competitiveness and the constitutional and social stability of Hungary. The foundation of the public trust in the legal system shall be stability of the Fundamental Law and the legal system resting on it.

Debates are considered to be the basic component of our democratic rule-of-law state and public opinion. It is the experience of the global crises of the past years that the response to future challenges needs to be based in the broadest possible consent; therefore, we shall strive for dialogue and seeking compromise and consensus.

The Hungarian Lawyers' Assembly professes their faith for rule of law, provided that a rule-of-law state may only be built in a rule-of-law fashion, that is through the utmost observance of the Fundamental Law and all laws.

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