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Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

His Excellency Mr János Áder
President of the Republic of Hungary
Hungary

Your Excellency

I wish to congratulate you on your re-election as President of Hungary. I was pleased to meet you last November when you visited Australia and enjoyed our discussion on a number of issues of mutual interest.

I am pleased that Australia and Hungary share warm and constructive bilateral relations built on strong people-to-people links. This was reflected in your meetings with members of the vibrant Hungarian community in Australia during your visit.

The strength of the relationship was also underlined during the visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, His Excellency Mr Péter Szijjártó, to Australia in February 2017. I welcome Hungary's interest in deepening links with both Australia and the broader Indo-Pacific region.

Australia welcomes opportunities to work together with Hungary on issues of mutual importance, including the United Nations Human Rights Council. We greatly appreciate Hungary's support for our candidacy for the 2018-2020 term. If elected, it would be the first time that a country from the Pacific Region has been represented. Australia will take the same principled, pragmatic and consultative approach that distinguished our term on the United Nations Security Council in 2013-14.

Australia also values its relationship with the EU and is committed to progressing negotiations to establish an Australian-EU Free Trade Agreement. We would welcome Hungary's continued support on that matter.

I wish you well for your second term and look forward to a chance to meet you again.

Yours sincerely

Peter Cosgrove
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