



### Position and perspectives of the Hungarians in the Carpathian basin

At the beginning of the twenty-first century, we are due to make the balance, as we are, from the aspect of the future faced with the new historical situation. Once extracted by force from Europe, Hungary is today among the first ones to join the European Union. This may be understood as the historical satisfaction because those who are opening the door to us, left Hungary to the Soviet Union and shared a part of the territory among themselves after the Second World War. Besides larger space which is offered in the changed situation and hope that Hungary will become a part of Europe again, the time of new winds implies the inner reforms which will enable Hungary to become stronger, richer and more democratic country. The parts of Hungary which had been taken in Trianon are also excluded from Europe by the Great Powers, and one third of the nation that lives out of the borders still suffers consequences of these divisions. Their position is made even worse since majority nations are in bad terms with them, as those nations haven't realized that the time of colonization is finished. They must stop the oppressing if they want to join the European Union and that seems to be the light at the end of a tunnel, the light we certainly need, as the positions of the Hungarians outside the borders hasn't changed during the last ten years. The part of guilt is however ours, as we didn't recognize the historical possibilities which could have been used. We failed to inform the world of this oppressing for last 80 years, and to demand betterment of the Hungarian minority. Instead, we created minority parties to build future with, but

they failed to negotiate, while our delegates being in minority politics based on the ethnical parties which fought for appreciation of the minority's interests, turned out to be inappropriate. Those parties sometimes accepted the responsibility of the government which resulted in diverting attention from the problems of Hungarian minorities. An absurd was made – the ethnical parties were helping the interests of the majority nations which, thanks to us, presented the world of “democracy” and “equality”, while we were at the same time deprived from our rights. The less is being talked about the representation of the common interests, although, sincerely speaking, the ideas are lacking. It is possible that our position won't change without help of the international community. An important step towards the national intergration would be an initiative for declaring the law relating to the Hungarians out of the borders which will formally confirm the union and indivisibility of the nations and enable keeping the connections with the base, including those who are excluded according to the Shengen Visa.

During the last ten years of the twentieth century, some unexpected historical changes have happened: the disintegration of the Soviet Union, the former communist empire; the uniting of the German people, the independence of the Balkan countries, the end of Czechoslovakia, giving the autonomy to Baltic countries and the return of Hungary to Europe. In the twenty-first century – the second millennium of existence of the state of Hungary, we hope that in the spirit of new period we can become a part of Europe and that within the international juridical norms the destiny of the entire nation will be solved.