



**THE COMMISSIONER FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS
THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
HUNGARY**

NOTE

INCOMING OMBUDSMAN FOR HUNGARY IS NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT

On 8th August 2013, Dr. János Áder, the President of Hungary, nominated his new candidate for the position of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary. Previously, he made a joint consultation inviting all the four political groups represented in the Hungarian Parliament to discuss the basic principles and requirements regarding the nominated person.

The nominee, Dr. László Székely is a civil lawyer and associate professor at the Faculty of Law of the Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest. Mr. Székely has coordinated the preparatory work of the new Civil Code of Hungary as ministerial commissioner until 2013, and now he is the ministerial commissioner responsible for the sustainable use of natural resources divided by boarders.

The current Ombudsman, Prof. Dr. Máté Szabó was elected for six year-term on 24th September 2007, therefore his mandate will term by law soon. He was elected as the Parliamentary Commissioner of Civil Rights, and based upon the new constitution (Basic Law) of Hungary, the former four ombudsman emerged into one, and he has become the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights from 1st January 2012 integrating the independent environmental and minority ombudsman positions; moreover the former leaders Dr. Ernő Kállai (former Parliamentary Commissioner for National and Ethnic Minorities) and Dr. Sándor Fülöp (former Parliamentary Commissioner for Future Generations) become his deputies. Mr. Fülöp resigned on 1st September 2012, and Mr. Kállai's term of office will end at the same time as Mr. Szabó's mandate.

The new Commissioner will have the right to nominate his Deputy Commissioner being responsible for the Rights of Nationalities as Mr. Szabó did in the case of the successor of Mr. Fülöp, Dr. Marcel Szabó. However, the two-third majority vote of the Hungarian Parliament is needed for both the new ombudsman and his latter nominated deputy.

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