Statement of the Visegrad Group Family Affairs Meeting Budapest, 28th March 2018

We, the ministers responsible for family affairs of the V4 countries, hereby confirm our agreement that the family is the fundamental, natural living cell of the society, on which every other community and the nation itself is built, and we share the view that family welfare is a social policy issue and at the same time the pledge of the nation's future quality of life. The family is the national, European and global common ground, which must be protected with the utmost care.

As the ministers of the V4 countries, we declare that we support the strengthening of families as family is the key to the solution to the demographic challenges.

We must confirm that the family, as the basic unit of the society must receive the protection and support it needs to be able to fully play its role in the community and to enable that children can grow up in a familiar environment in a happy, loving and understanding atmosphere.

The Visegrad Four countries consider children and young people essential to sustainable development and they stress the need for policies supporting families which enable families to raise the next generations.

As the ministers responsible for family affairs of the V4 countries, on the basis of the cognition and the exchange of best practices, we make increased efforts to promote national cooperation in the field of family policy.

Signed in Budapest...., on . 28. March 2018 in English language.

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