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*Budapest, 27 March 2025***Dear Mr [REDACTED]**

In response to your request for data of public interest received by the Mayor's Office of Budapest on 12 March 2025, I hereby inform you of the following in the order of the questions asked.

With regard to Questions 1 and 2, I inform you that Budapest has established official partnerships with the cities of Baku (Azerbaijan) in 2014 and Tbilisi (Georgia) in 2011, however, no partnership has been established with cities from Armenia so far.

Regarding Questions 3 and 4, there is a signed cooperation agreement between the parties in both above-mentioned cases. In the case of Tbilisi, the scope of the agreement covers subjects relating to economy, culture and social issues. In the case of Baku, the agreement focuses on urban management, city infrastructure and strengthening friendly relations between the citizens of the two cities. Although the agreements have been signed by the representatives of both cities, active cooperation is not typical.

Examples of joint activities with the partner cities can be summarised as follows: On 11 November 2014, the Mayor of Budapest István Tarlós and the Mayor of Baku Hajibala Abutalibov signed the cooperation agreement of the two capitals in the presence of the Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev in Budapest. On 23 May 2011, Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili and the President of Hungary Pál Schmitt, alongside Mayor of Budapest István Tarlós and Zoltán Pokorni, Mayor of District XII of Budapest, inaugurated the Sota Rustaveli Square and monument in District XII of Budapest. During 10-11 April 2012, the Mayor of Tbilisi George Ugulava visited Budapest, where a request was made to name a street after Tbilisi in the future. On 17 May 2012, during Georgia's National Day, David Bakradze, the Speaker of the Georgian Parliament, visited Budapest and opened an exhibition showcasing Georgian wines and brandy. In 2016, during the World Cities Summit in Singapore, the Deputy Mayor of Tbilisi Lasha Abashidze and the Deputy Mayor of Budapest Gábor Bagdy met to discuss Budapest's urban development policies. Between 29 September and 2 October 2023, János Kendernay, the Chief Advisor on City Diplomacy, participated in the Tbilisoba City Festival in Tbilisi.

Regarding Question 6 of the request for data of public interest, I inform you that there have been no instances where the issue of disputed territories relating to the above-mentioned countries would have been raised or addressed in any way.

Concerning Questions 7 and 8, I inform you that there have neither been any significant initiatives to undertake any sort of action relating to Georgia's European Union membership nor is there any information indicating that discussions on the need for humanitarian assistance relating to the refugees from Nagorno-Karabakh

have occurred.

In accordance with Section 30 (3) of Act CXII of 2011 on the Freedom of Information, I inform you of the legal remedies available in relation to your data request: You may bring action to the competent court pursuant to Section 31 (5) or in the event of a breach of rights, you may file a complaint with the National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (1055 Budapest, Falk Miksa utca 9-11.).

Sincerely,

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Tamás Számadó
Chief Clerk of Budapest

