

Speech of Mr Péter Polt, Prosecutor General of Hungary hold at the reception given by  
Dmitry Medvedev, President of the Russian Federation at the 290th anniversary of the  
Prosecution Service of Russia

Your Excellency, Mr President,

It is a real privilege for me – not only as the General Prosecutor of Hungary but also as the chairman of the Network of Prosecutors General of the European Union – to have the opportunity to celebrate together with the President of the Russian Federation the 290<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Russian Prosecution Service.

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the great importance the European Union and especially my country attach to the international cooperation in criminal matters with the judicial bodies of the Russian Federation. I am proud to the fact that between the Hungarian and the Russian Prosecution Services an active and fruitful dialogue is going on not only on the highest, but also on the expert level.

However cooperation in single cases is not enough, we have to reach a better understanding at the level of principles. Speaking different languages and having slightly different legal traditions and solution to the same problems mutual trust can be more and more strengthened based on our common values. As I see, the Russian Prosecution Service makes important efforts in this field and I fully support it.

It is the task of the prosecutor to protect public interest in the criminal and the non-criminal fields of law. We share this view with our Russian colleagues and constantly represent it on the international level. Our mission is to be an important contributor to the administration of justice well-reputed by the public. I have already been convinced much before this anniversary meeting that the Russian Prosecuton Service and my colleague Prosecutor General Mr Chaika enjoy this reputation in the Russian Federation. This presidential reception today has obviously affirmed this conviction of mine.

Your Excellency, Mr President,

I am grateful for your kind hospitality, I do appreciate your courtesy. On this important day let me wish you and all my Russian prosecutor colleagues good health and much success in your future work.