



HUNGARIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS



**Meeting of the Committees on Foreign Affairs of the Parliaments of the  
Visegrad Group and France**  
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**Statement of the Chair Representing the Hungarian V4 Presidency**

Today the Committees on Foreign Affairs of the Parliaments of the Visegrad Group and France convened in Budapest under the Hungarian Presidency of the V4 to discuss the most pressing current foreign and security policy challenges their nations face.

The participants highlighted the importance of the V4+France format that is even more significant given the French EU Presidency that is taking place during an exceptionally sensitive period. V4 member countries expressed their support to France in country's efforts to tackle current EU foreign and security policy challenges in order to strengthen European security. The Parties also highlighted the significance of the fact that this was the first time that the Chairs of both Committees on Foreign Affairs of the French Parliament participated in this format. They welcomed the opportunity to discuss current security challenges in this particular setting and agreed that the Parliamentary dimension of the V4+France format is a valuable forum for discussing and co-ordinating positions on issues of mutual interest.

The Parties discussed a number of issues related to the foreign and security policy of the EU, including the current security situation in Eastern Europe as well as in the Western Balkans.

The position of the Hungarian Government regarding the topics discussed was presented by the State Secretary for Security Policy and the Deputy State Secretary for Security Policy of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Participants agreed to continue consultations on such pressing issues in the same format in the future as well.