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Dear Sir/Madam

I am in receipt of the requests of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding conscientious objection to military service and civil societies. Therefore please be informed as follows.

According to section 65 of Act CLXI of 2011 on the Organization and Administration of the Courts the President of the Hungarian National Office for the Judiciary shall only carry out the functions of central administration of the courts.

Pursuant to the provisions of *Act CLXXXI of 2011 on the court records and the related rules of procedure of the non-governmental organizations* the courts shall carry out the registration of the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and related tasks, however, they have no legal competence to follow the achievements of NGOs. Accordingly, we do not have data in connection with the question regarding the positive contributions of civil society to the human rights.

Given that Hungary abolished mandatory military service by November 2004, we cannot inform you regarding best practices of conscientious objection to military service.

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ours sincerely

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