



A Witness to the Past

Salvaging Hungary's archival heritage

An international petition protesting the Government of Hungary's planned legislation to allow for the destruction of archival documents pertaining to the country's communist secret police.

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Embassy of the Republic of Hungary in Ottawa

and to the

European Union Delegation to Canada

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Cover: The cover picture represents labour camps administered by Hungary's state security from 1949 to 1953. Thousands of innocent Hungarians were imprisoned in these camps and persecuted by the country's communist authorities. After the collapse of the one-party regime in 1989/90, surviving photos, archival documents and firsthand accounts allowed historians to begin reconstructing what had occurred.



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