

28. RESOLUTION ON THE 'LEX CEU' IN HUNGARY

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The Hungarian Parliament has passed a legislation modifying the law on higher education on the 4th April 2017. The so-called 'Lex CEU' was put forward a week ago with the sole intention to close down the renowned Central European University (CEU).

The bill received worldwide attention, as it is unprecedented that a European government threatens the existence of a leading university. Thousands of scholars, academics, among them Nobel laureates, Hungarian and international students and citizens concerned with the Orbán regime's autocratic way of governing protested against the bill.

CEU, founded in 1991, is an internationally recognized university, that played a crucial role in the democratization process of post-soviet countries. The institution is not only the most important intellectual centre in Hungary, but in the whole region.

YES stands with CEU, all the students and the Hungarian people! We condemn the passage of amendments to Hungary's higher education law and we denounce the restriction of academic freedom in Hungary and all over the world!

This is a shameful move from the Orbán government that will no go unanswered. YES call on the Hungarian government to reconsider its intentions and encourages protestors to contest the constitutionality of this legislation.