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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Concerning the 60th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Budapest Ghetto by Soviet Troops**

Sixty years ago, on January 18, 1945, Red Army units liberated the Budapest ghetto and saved thousands of Hungarian Jews - women, children and old men - from mockery, humiliation and death.

On this memorable day we extend our greetings and good wishes to all the citizens of Hungary who endured the tragedy of the Budapest ghetto and to their relatives and loved ones.

The war against German nazism and its satellites demanded immense exertion and enormous sacrifices from all the anti-Hitler coalition nations, primarily the peoples of the Soviet Union. The Soviet soldiers, who made a decisive contribution to the defeat of fascism, rid the Central and East European peoples of the "brownshirt plague" and brought people freedom and peace. It was then that the process of the creation of a united, democratic and prosperous Europe commenced.

Today it is important to remember the lessons of history so that the severe ordeals of the past, the tragedy of the Holocaust, and the outbreaks of xenophobia never recur again. The world community and men and women of goodwill should without hesitation unite their efforts in the struggle against the new terrible challenges of our time - international terrorism, as well as the manifestations of intolerance and persecution on a religious and ethnic ground.