



**PRIME MINISTER**

**Mr. Atanas Atanasov,**

President of Democrats for a Strong Bulgaria (DSB)

Sofia

*Budapest, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019*

Dear Mr. President,

I was recently informed by President Joseph Daul that – on behalf of Democrats for a Strong Bulgaria – you have initiated the expulsion of Fidesz from our common political family, the European People’s Party.

I have carefully examined your arguments raised in favour of our expulsion, and I’ve found that they do not reflect reality. I do not consider it reasonable to solve disagreements within our political family by expelling one of our members. I would therefore respectfully like to ask you to reconsider your proposal for expulsion, if it is possible.

At the same time, President Daul and Chairman Weber have raised their objections to me for referring to the parties that called for our expulsion as “useful idiots”. This is in fact a quote from Lenin, with which I intended to criticise a certain policy and not certain politicians.

I would hereby like to express my apologies, if you found my quote personally offensive.

I wish you good health and much success in your highly responsible duties.

Yours sincerely,

  
ORBÁN Viktor

