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To Whom It May Concern (especially airline personnel),

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This letter is written with respect to students of the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics program who are

- on their way to Budapest, Hungary to study there during the Spring semester, 2016,
- but do not have a so-called D-type-visa allowing them to enter the Schengen region for long term stay
- however are citizens of a country such as the US, Canada or other eligible country as listed that has a visa-waiver agreement that lets them to enter the Schengen region as tourists for stays up to 90 days.

Indeed, these students are obliged to get a Hungarian residence permit for their long term stay in Hungary. Regulations on a stay exceeding 90 days fall within the competence of national jurisdiction; therefore there is no uniform routine among the Schengen Member States.

Under the terms of Article 47. Para (4) c) of the Government Decree No 114. of 2007 implementing the Act No. II. of 2007. on entry and stay of third country nationals, **citizens of the United States of America and Canada are entitled to submit their residence permit application for the purpose of a stay exceeding 90 days on the territory of Hungary at regional directorates of the Office of Immigration and Nationality.** The decision on the residence permit falls within the competence of the regional directorates of the Office for Immigration and Nationality.

Citizens of the United States of America or Canada are exempted from the visa requirements when traveling to Hungary. **They can enter Hungary visa free and arrange their residence permit there.**

Note: the Hungarian Immigration Office does not require a return airplane ticket in order to issue the residence permit (since, in particular, a residence permit can be extended if needed the return date may not be seen at the beginning etc).

For a confirmation of this information, please, visit the Hungarian Consular Services website at

<http://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/en> where document

<http://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/download/8/78/30000/ENTRYFORLONGSTAY20120327.pdf> states

“Third-country nationals who are exempted from visa requirement (listed in Annex II of 539/2001/EC Council Regulation) may lodge their applications for a residence permit in Hungary, directly at the regional directorate of the Office for Immigration and Nationality in Hungary.”

You may also contact the Consulate General of Hungary in New York at (212)-752-0661

(<http://consulate.newyork.gov.hu/consular-information>)

Best regards,

