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# A SYMBOL OF EXPERTISE, COOPERATION AND MENTORSHIP

Irén Gábrity Molnár and Eszter Gábrity

Dear Doris, we take this opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation towards you. We sincerely value the time you spent with us throughout our cooperation, in the framework of which we have benefited much from you, an outstanding researcher, expert of international migration, defender of minority rights, and – most importantly – an admirable person. You have presented us great examples of performing well professionally as well as personally.

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