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To  
Dr. Laszlo CSIZMADIA

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Dear Mr. Dr.CSIZMADIA !

The Citizens' Service of the Austrian Federal Chancellor confirms receipt of your e-mail of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

We read your statement with great interest. Federal Chancellor Werner Faymann acknowledges the importance of direct democracy. Austria's legal system distinguishes between three different instruments: referenda ("Volksabstimmungen"), popular initiatives ("Volksbegehren") and national opinion polls ("Volksbefragungen").

The Austrian Federal Government is doing everything it can to deal with the refugee issue in Austria correctly, that means humanely and quickly. "We are committed to a common value system and therefore have both the right and the obligation to help fugitive people. [...] We must decide how we can render better assistance to refugees, both in their countries of origin and in transit countries", said the Austrian Federal Chancellor.

Please be assured that the Federal Government is constantly in touch with the citizens of Austria regarding their opinions on different political subjects, though currently there are no plans to utilize one of the above mentioned instruments in connection with the refugee issue.

We hope we have been of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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