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Dear Dr Pap,

We are distressed and concerned to learn of the decisions of the Romanian courts with regard to the ownership of Székely Mikó Reformed High School in Sepsiszentgyörgy.

The long and troubled history of Church property ownership in your country in the Twentieth Century had, we hoped – as certainly you had hoped too – been resolved in 1999 with the restitution of property to its rightful owners.

We share the pain and fear expressed by the resolution of the Transylvannian Reformed Church District's General Assembly, in that the rule of law, protection of minorities and the upholding of human rights appear to be in jeopardy as a result of this action.

Please convey our thoughts and prayers to our sisters and brothers during this difficult time.

We will raise this issue within the Church of Scotland and ask for our congregations to pray for reconciliation and human rights in your country.

We will send this message too to the Romanian Consul in Edinburgh, the UK Foreign Office and Members of the European Parliament representing Scotland. It is of deepest concern that such vexatious legal challenges are being brought and unjust penalties imposed, flying in the face of reason and justice, and that this is happening within the European Union.

Please keep us informed of developments,

Yours in our continued spirit of solidarity and friendship,

Alan Falconer

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