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Archbishop Antje Jackelén  
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**Dear Archbishop Jackelén, dear Antje,**

I am approaching you with a question regarding a personal situation of a Hungarian citizen in Sweden widely pictured in the media in the last days. Fruzsina Wilhelm is a 20 year-old young woman with a mental disability. She has spent the last two years in Malmö with her aunt who is the only relative capable of taking care of her. With an IQ of 60/65, Fruzsina is estimated to have the mental capacities of an 8-year-old and she is not able to take care of her on a personal level, let alone on the level dealing independently with authorities.

The Swedish authorities have informed them that she must leave the country as the Swedish society is not willing to take care of her on the long run. If returned to Hungary, she would end up in a social home instead of the more favourable family situation she is living in now. Fruzsina is an orphan and the more distant Hungarian relatives have informed the Swedish aunt that they are not ready to receive her back. Her aunt has started a civil movement to support her staying (<https://www.facebook.com/humanarebeslut>). The minister of foreign affairs and trade in Hungary has also approached his Swedish minister colleague in order to intervene.

As a church, we would like to ask you to look into the possibilities of mediating in the situation based on the experience of your church with asylum seekers. On the occasion that she would be returned to Hungary, we are also willing to offer to receive her in one of the diaconal institutions of the Evangelical–Lutheran Church in Hungary. At the same time, I am quite positive that in such a situation it would be more favourable if she could continue living with her direct relative in Sweden.

Thank you for your wisdom and cooperation!

Blessings,

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