

## **XII. HUNGARY**

**Population: 10,197,119**

**Religious make-up: 67.5% Roman Catholic - 20% Calvinist - 5% Lutheran - 7.5% Atheist and others**

**Membership OSCE: Original - Helsinki Final Act: Original - Charter of Paris: Original**

**Membership Council of Europe: 06/11/90 - Membership U.N.: 14/10/55 - Member of the European Union**

### **A. CONSTITUTION**

**Constitution adopted on: 20 Aug 1949**

**Section 60 (1):** In the Republic of Hungary everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. (2) This right includes freedom to choose or to adopt a religion, and freedom to manifest his or her religion and belief in worship, observance or in any other way, either individually or in community with others, and in public or private, by manifestation or by omitting manifestation, in practice or in teaching. (3) In the Republic of Hungary the Church operates separately from the State.

**Section 70/A (1):** The Republic of Hungary ensures for every person staying within its territories the human and civil rights, without distinction of any kind such as . . . religion .

### **B. LEGISLATION**

The 1990 Law on the Freedom of Religion and Conscience

### **C. CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION**

Act on National Defence (Official Gazette: No. CX of 1993).

Act on Civil Services (entered in force on 25 July 1997; Official Gazette: No. XXI of 1997)