

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: ; s 22(1)(a)(ii); s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 8 May 2025 4:56:02 PM
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s 33(b)

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Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii) dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for your patience.

We have received further advice from the Diplomatic Protocol Office at the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and, on this occasion, the airport facilitation they are able to offer us is the exemption from search:

We would like to inform the esteemed Embassy that the exemption from the Hungarian Civil Aviation Authority grants exemption under hand search of passengers, handbags and hold bags.

The Protocol Office also informed us about the possibility of booking Government Lounge at Budapest airport but I believe that will not be required as Mr Abbott will be able to use lounge access as per the conditions of his ticket.

Best regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Australian Embassy and Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Vienna
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Subject: RE: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

No problems at all – we appreciate your efforts. You can reach ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} on:

^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Many thanks,

^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} | **Adviser**

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Subject: RE: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Despite our best efforts, we have been unable to clarify the arrangements that are in place for Mr Abbott's travel to and from Budapest. We will continue our efforts first thing tomorrow morning.

I would be grateful if you could share ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} mobile number so that our Visits and Travel Officer, ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} (copied), can liaise with him on arrival in Budapest on what we've been able to ascertain.

Also providing you ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} mobile number ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}, should you wish to get in touch directly with her.

Best regards

^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

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Dear ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Just confirming that we're in touch with the Hungarian authorities and will advise you as soon as possible – hopefully tomorrow – on what they're able to provide.

Best regards

^{s 22(1)(a)}

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: RE: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Thank you for making these arrangements. That's much appreciated.

Kind regards,

^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

s 22(1)(a)(ii) | **Adviser**

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Subject: RE: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Thank you for your message to DFAT's Ministerial Liaison team.

I confirm Vienna post will reach out to the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade tomorrow (Monday, 5 May) to request airport facilitation for Mr Abbott and s 22(1)(a)(ii) on 8 and 12 May.

We will be in touch soon but please feel free to contact me anytime.

Best regards

^{s 22(1)(a)}

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary May 2025

Good evening,

Mr Abbott and s 22(1)(a)(ii) will be travelling to Hungary for personal business on Wednesday 7 May.

Mr Abbott and s 22(1)(a)(ii) passports are attached.

For the flights, Mr Abbott is happy to use the lounge access that comes with his ticket, he does not require access to VIP/Government lounges.

If airport facilitation is possible into and out of Budapest, that would be greatly appreciated.
Please see the scheduled flights below:

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Thank you for your ongoing assistance and please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) | **Adviser**

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 11:26 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Re: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary + s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Good afternoon
Thank you sending this through. All noted.
Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 7:40 AM
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Subject: RE: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary + s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see attached the response from the Hungarian MFA to s 22(1)(a)(ii) request for airport facilitation – they have also elected to provide a car for Mr Abbott’s use while in Hungary; and access to a government lounge on arrival.

Please let me know if there are any issues with this arrangement.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 12:36 PM

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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aph.gov.au>

Subject: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary + s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Good afternoon,

Mr Abbott will be travelling to Hungary on Monday 22 April on personal business. I will also be accompanying Mr Abbott on this trip. Please see relevant flight details below.

Mr Abbott's and my own passport are also attached.

For Mr Abbott's flights he is happy to use the lounge access that comes with his ticket, he does not require access to VIP/Government lounges.

If airport facilitation is possible when Mr Abbott arrives in Hungary on 23 April, s 22(1)(a)(ii), it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47F(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) | Adviser

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary + s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 5 June 2024 3:11:29 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22(1)(a)(i)

The relevant Posts have been contacted regarding your below request. Please expect upcoming correspondence regarding facilitation.

Thank you.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary + s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Good morning,

Please find Mr Abbott's full travel itinerary listed below, thank you for your patience as the details were confirmed.

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you again for all your assistance, and if you have any questions, please let me know.
Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 3:58 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>

Subject: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary + s 22(1)(

Good afternoon,

Mr Abbott will be travelling to Hungary on Sunday 26 May on personal business. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see the relevant flight details below and his passport attached.

If airport facilitation is possible when Mr Abbott arrives in Hungary on 26 May, departs Hungary on 30 May, s 22(1)(a)(ii) , it would be greatly appreciated.
s 47F(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Many thanks for your ongoing assistance, and if you have any questions, please let me know.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(i)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) | Adviser

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To: ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: ; s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 12 September 2025 2:08:27 AM
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[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

OFFICIAL

Dear ^{s 22(1)(a)(i)} and ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Thank you for the email below seeking advice on airport facilitation for Mr Abbott at Budapest International Airport.

The Protocol Office of the Hungarian MFA confirmed they are not able to provide airport facilitation services, however, if interested, the airport can offer a chargeable [Personal Airport Service](#) upon arrival and departure.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

With thanks
^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary

Good afternoon,

Mr Abbott will be travelling to the Hungary next Sunday.

Please find his passport attached.

For the flights, Mr Abbott is happy to use the lounge access that comes with his ticket, he does not require access to VIP/Government lounges.

If airport facilitation is possible within Hungary, it would be much appreciated. Please see the scheduled flights below:

s 47F(1)

Many thanks for your assistance as always.

Kind regards

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Cc: ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 5 September 2025 5:58:54 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I have passed your request onto Post.

They have your contact details and should be in touch soon.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary

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From:
To:
Cc:
Subject: RE: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary & s 22(1) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 23 September 2025 6:39:00 PM

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for your email, I have passed along your request to both Hungry and s 22(1)(posts who will engage directly.

safe travels

Kind Regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Monday, 22 September 2025 11:55 AM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary & s 22(1)(

Good evening,

Mr Abbott and I will be travelling to the Hungary & s 22(1)(a)(ii) next Tuesday.

Please find our passports attached.

For the flights, Mr Abbott is happy to use the lounge access that comes with his ticket, he does not require access to VIP/Government lounges.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see

the scheduled flights below:

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Many thanks for your assistance as always.

Kind regards

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Subject: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary & s 22(1)(

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Subject: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary and s 22(1)(a)(ii) May/June 2025

Good evening,

Mr Abbott and s 22(1)(a)(ii) will be travelling to Hungary and s 22(1)(a)(ii) on personal business on Tuesday the 27th of May.

Please find both of our passports are attached.

For the flights, Mr Abbott is happy to use the lounge access that comes with his ticket, he does not require access to VIP/Government lounges.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see the scheduled flights below:

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for your ongoing assistance and please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) | Assistant Adviser

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary March/April 2026
Date: Tuesday, 24 March 2026 11:42:39 AM
Attachments: s 47F(1)

Good afternoon,

Mr Abbott will be travelling to Hungary on personal business on the 28th of March. Please find his passport attached.

For the flights, Mr Abbott is happy to use the lounge access that comes with his ticket. He does not require access to VIP/government lounges or airport assistance.

Please see the scheduled flights below:

s 47F(1)

Many thanks for your assistance as always.

Kind regards,

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s 22(1)(a)(ii) | Assistant Adviser

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FPM Abbott OS Travel - 17-24 September 2023 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 14 September 2023 10:54:34 AM

OFFICIAL

Good morning s 22(1)(a)(ii)

The Hon Tony Abbott's office have advised of travel by Mr Abbott next week.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Wednesday, 13 September 2023 6:13 PM
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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aph.gov.au>
Subject: FPM Abbott OS Travel

Good afternoon

Mr Abbott will be travelling overseas next week.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

He will head to Budapest s 47F(1) to attend the Third
Danube Geopolitical Summit. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) | [Adviser](#)

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To: ; s 22(1)(a)(ii); s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii); [Emil Stojanovski](#); [Sarah Storey](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii); s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FPM Abbott OS Travel 17-24 September 2023 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 14 September 2023 10:37:57 AM

OFFICIAL

Good Morning all

Ministerial Liaison and Support (MEL) have received the email below last night from the Office of the Hon Tony Abbott AC.

Grateful if you could process, and reach out to Mr Abbott's office

I will advise Foreign Minister's office.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aph.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 September 2023 6:13 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aph.gov.au>
Subject: FPM Abbott OS Travel

Good afternoon

Mr Abbott will be travelling overseas next week.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

He will head to Budapest s 47F(1)

to attend the Third

Danube Geopolitical Summit. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) | [Adviser](#)

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From:
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FPM Travel - Mr Tony Abbott-Hungary and s 22(1)(a)(ii) - 22 to 30 April 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 17 April 2024 1:39:55 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see information regarding Mr Abbotts upcoming travel.

- **Level of support requested by the initiator** – airport facilitation when Mr Abbott arrives in Hungary on 23 April 2024, s 22(1)(a)(ii)
- **Destination(s)** – Hungary and s 22(1)(a)(ii)
- **Date(s) of visit** – 22-30 April 2024
- **Person(s) travelling and the capacity in which they are travelling in** – Mr Tony Abbott - Former Prime Minister, s 22(1)(a)(ii) - Advisor
- **Purpose of proposed visit** – personal business
- **Date request was received by Post/Division** – 12 April 2024 (received by MEL)
- **Point of contact for Post/Division for response** – s 22(1)(a)(ii)
- **Point of contact for the request in the event additional information needs to be sought or the request re-directed** – s 22(1)(a)(ii)

9. FORMER PRIME MINISTERS AND FORMER PORTFOLIO

MINISTERS (from DFAT High-Level and Official Visits Guidelines).

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Bcc: s 22(1)(a)(ii); s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary + s 22(1) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 24 May 2024 2:31:00 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Confirming that Vienna post has sent a TPN to the Hungarian MFA on Thursday (yesterday), requesting Mr Abbott's airport facilitation for entry to and exit from Budapest.

If there are any further updates these will be provided to you.

Any questions or concerns please let us know.

Thank you.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 9:01 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary + s 22(1) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

First Secretary – Bilateral Relations and Public Diplomacy
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)>

Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 12:45 AM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)>

Subject: FW: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary + s 22(1) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Colleagues

Hope you are well.

Please see request from Mr Abbotts Office for airport facilitation.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

@aph.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 3:58 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary + s 22(1)

Good afternoon,

Mr Abbott will be travelling to Hungary on Sunday 26 May on personal business. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see the relevant flight details below and his passport attached.

If airport facilitation is possible when Mr Abbott arrives in Hungary on 26 May, departs Hungary on 30 May, s 22(1)(a)(ii), it would be greatly appreciated.

s 47F(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Many thanks for your ongoing assistance, and if you have any questions, please let me know.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From:
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Updated - FPM Travel - Hungary, s 22(1)(a)(ii) 26 May to s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 5 June 2024 9:44:45 AM
Attachments: [RE FPM Abbott Travel Hungary + s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) .msg
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[image003.png](#)

OFFICIAL

Good morning s 22(1)(a)(ii)

We have received further updates from Mr Abbott's office regarding his travel. As mentioned in my previous email, Mr Abbotts Office noted that the later stages of his trip were still being developed and the office would be in touch regarding the tail end of the itinerary as soon as flights were confirmed.

Please now see below, updated information relating to Mr Abbott's trip and requests from the office for airport facilitation. Attached is the new correspondence from Mr Abbott's office which contains in further information relating to Mr Abbotts itinerary.

- **Level of support requested by the initiator-** Mr Abbotts office has requested airport facilitation for the following :
 - Arrival in Budapest on 26 May 2024, departure from Hungary on the 30 May 2024, and s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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- **Destination(s)** – Budapest, Hungary; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
- **Date(s) of visit** – Budapest, Hungary (26-29 May) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
- **Person(s) travelling and the capacity in which they are travelling in** – Mr Tony Abbott - Former Prime Minister will be travelling alone from 26 May to 13 June 2024. s 22(1)(a)(ii)
- **Purpose of proposed visit** – personal business
- s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Request from Mr Abbott's Office has now been forwarded to Posts along with reference to the [High level and official visits guidelines \[DOCX 725 KB\]](#)

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Thank you

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Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 5:01 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: FPM Travel - Mr Tony Abbott-Hungary and s 22(1)(a)(ii) - 26 s 22(1)(a)(ii) May 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Thanks so much, s 22(1)(a)(ii) this was great info.

No concerns, DFAT should provide that assistance as is appropriate.

Best,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 4:01 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>

Subject: RE: FPM Travel - Mr Tony Abbott-Hungary and s 22(1)(a)(ii) - 26 s 22(1)(a)(ii) May 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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- s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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OFFICIAL

Hey s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks so much, can you please include the section from the guidelines on what is 'reasonable levels of service'? I understand that airport facilitation is listed there.

Cheers,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 1:43 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>

Subject: FPM Travel - Mr Tony Abbott-Hungary and s 22(1)(a)(ii) - 26 May 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

- **Destination(s)** – Budapest, Hungary and s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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From:
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Former Prime Minister - Mr Tony Abbott travel to Hungary - 14 -16 September 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 5 September 2025 5:56:57 PM
Attachments: [FPM Abbott travel Hungary.msg](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

We have received notification from Mr Abbott's office of his upcoming travel to Hungary from 14 to 16 September 2025.

I have passed this request for airport facilitation onto Post.

Please see details of travel below as well as original correspondence (attached).

- **Level of support requested by the initiator** – If airport facilitation is possible within Hungary, it would be much appreciated.
- **Destination(s) (both city and country)** – Budapest, Hungary
- **Date(s) of visit** – 14-16 September 2025
- **Person(s) travelling and the capacity in which they are travelling in** - Mr Abbott will be travelling alone
- **Purpose of proposed visit** – personal business
- s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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1. NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING (FROM DFAT HIGH-LEVEL AND OFFICIAL VISITS GUIDELINES)

1.1 Post

Posts are required to notify Ministerial Liaison and Support (MEL) if they are approached directly to provide support for:

- non-portfolio ministers
- official parliamentary delegations (including requests for assistance that originate from the International and Parliamentary Relations Office, IPRO),
- former prime ministers; and
- former portfolio ministers.

Posts are required to notify MEL as well as the relevant [State and Territory Office](#) (STO) if they are approached to support state and territory government representatives traveling (including state premiers, chief ministers, opposition leaders, state governors and local government officials).

Prior to agreeing to provide support to individual parliamentarians, including opposition office holders, posts should contact MEL. MEL will seek endorsement from the Foreign Minister's Office (FMO) on the proposed level of support.

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Bcc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Former Prime Minister - Mr Tony Abbott travel to Hungary and s 22(1)(a)(ii) - 27 May s 22(1)(a)(ii) 2025
 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 3:43:00 PM
Attachments: [FPM Abbott travel Hungary and s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\) MayJune 2025.msg](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

We have received notification from Mr Abbott's office of his upcoming travel to Hungary and s 22(1)(a)(ii) from 27 May s 22(1)(a)(ii) 2025.

I have passed this request for airport facilitation onto Post.

Please see details of travel below as well as original correspondence (attached).

- s 22(1)(a)(ii)
- **Destination(s) (both city and country)** – Hungary and s 22(1)(a)(ii) (s 22(1)(a)(ii) Budapest 27 May to 29 May; Budapest s 22(1)(a)(ii) 30 May; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
- **Date(s) of visit** – 27 May s 22(1)(a)(ii) 2025
- **Person(s) travelling and the capacity in which they are travelling in** - Mr Abbott will be travelling with his assistant advisor s 22(1)(a)(ii) .
- **Purpose of proposed visit** – personal business
- s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From:
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Former Prime Minister - Mr Tony Abbott travel to Hungary & s 22(1)(a)(ii) - 30 Sept s 22(1)(a)(ii) 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 23 September 2025 6:32:22 PM
Attachments: [FPM Abbott Travel Hungary s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\).msg](#)

OFFICIAL

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 23 September 2025 12:25 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Former Prime Minister - Mr Tony Abbott travel to Hungary & s 22(1)(a)(ii) - 30 Sept s 22(1)(a)(ii) 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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- **Level of support requested by the initiator** – Mr Abbott is happy to use the lounge access that comes with his ticket in Hungary s 22(1)(a)(ii)
- **Destination(s) (both city and country)** – Budapest, Hungary and s 22(1)(a)(ii)
- **Date(s) of visit** – 30 September s 22(1)(a)(ii) 2025
- **Person(s) travelling and the capacity in which they are travelling in** - Mr Abbott and s 22(1)(a)(ii) (Adviser)
- **Purpose of proposed visit** – not disclosed
- s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Kind Regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: [Anna Oldmeadow](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii); s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Former Prime Minister - Mr Tony Abbott travel to Hungary - 7-13 May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 2 May 2025 5:10:07 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

OFFICIAL

Thanks Anna. I believe it's at the discretion of Vienna Post (which looks after Hungary) which will make arrangements either with local authorities/airport, or via the Honorary Consul.

Cheers

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

A/g DLO FMO (1-3 May)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Anna Oldmeadow
Sent: Friday, 2 May 2025 4:59 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Former Prime Minister - Mr Tony Abbott travel to Hungary - 7-13 May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

No concerns, thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) – though not sure how that works when we don't have a post in the city? Would that just be a matter of making the request of the Hungarian authorities?
 Anna

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)>
Sent: Friday, 2 May 2025 4:57 PM
To: Anna Oldmeadow <[Anna.Oldmeadow@dfat.gov.au](#)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)>
Subject: FW: Former Prime Minister - Mr Tony Abbott travel to Hungary - 7-13 May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi Anna, s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 FYI. Let me know if FMO has any concerns with DFAT providing the requested airport facilitation.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

A/g DLO FMO (1-3 May)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)>
Sent: Friday, 2 May 2025 4:46 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)>
Subject: Former Prime Minister - Mr Tony Abbott travel to Hungary - 7-13 May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

We have received notification from Mr Abbott's office of his upcoming travel to Hungary from 7-13 May 2025.

I have passed the request for airport facilitation onto Post.

Please see details of travel below as well as original correspondence (attached).

- **Level of support requested by the initiator** – If airport facilitation is possible into and out of Budapest, that would be greatly appreciated.
- **Destination(s) (both city and country)** – Budapest, Hungary
- **Date(s) of visit** – 7-13 May 2025
- **Person(s) travelling and the capacity in which they are travelling in** - Mr Abbott will be travelling with a staff member.
- **Purpose of proposed visit** – personal business
- s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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From:
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Notification - Travel by The Hon Mr Tony Abbott AC to Hungary - 28 March to 2 April 2026 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 24 March 2026 12:10:00 PM
Attachments: [FPM Abbott travel Hungary MarchApril 2026.msg](#)

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

The Office of the Hon Tony Abbott AC has notified MEL of Mr Abbott's visit to Hungary on 28 March 2026.

MEL is informing FMO of this visit.

Grateful if the office could please inform MEL if there are any concerns or questions regarding this visit.

Original correspondence is also attached.

- **Level of support requested by the initiator** – Nil
- **Destination(s) (both city and country)** – Hungary
- **Date(s) of visit** – 28 March to 2 April 2026
- **Person(s) travelling and the capacity in which they are travelling in** – The Hon Mr Tony Abbott AC
- **Purpose of proposed visit** – Personal business
- **Date request was received** – Visit advised 24 March 2026
- **Point of contact for response** – s 22(1)(a)(ii) |, Assistant Adviser
- **Point of contact for the request in the event additional information needs to be sought or the request re-directed** – as above

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director and Ministerial Liaison Officer for:
 Senator the Hon Penny Wong, Minister for Foreign Affairs
 The Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade
 The Hon Pat Conroy MP, Minister for Pacific Island Affairs
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary + s 22(1) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 27 May 2024 2:06:26 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Many thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(i)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, May 25, 2024 12:54 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aph.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary + s 22(1) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(i)

I'm pleased to advise that we have received **confirmation** from the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade regarding the provision of airport facilitation for Mr Abbott's entry to and exit from Budapest, with entry to take place this Sunday 26 May 2024.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

First Secretary – Bilateral Relations and Public Diplomacy
Australian Embassy and Permanent Mission to the UN, Vienna
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2024 6:32 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aph.gov.au>
Subject: FW: FPM Abbott Travel | Hungary + s 22(1) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(i)

Confirming that Vienna post has sent a TPN to the Hungarian MFA on Thursday (yesterday), requesting Mr Abbott's airport facilitation for entry to and exit from Budapest.

If there are any further updates these will be provided to you.

Any questions or concerns please let us know.

Thank you.

Kind regards

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Many thanks. Confirming that Vienna post has sent a TPN to the Hungarian MFA today, requesting airport facilitation for entry to and exit from Budapest.

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5. Former Prime Minister Abbott used his two speeches to present arguments to his Hungarian audience on why the West should strengthen its support for Ukraine. His keynote address at the Speakers Dinner largely followed his article in *The Australian* ('[Why the West needs to be](#)_
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Why the West needs to be more like united Ukraine



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An inability to lead and work together for national good is hurting liberal democracy

Amid all the Ukraine discussion – whether the war against Russian aggression is winnable and how much military assistance should the democracies give – what has been taken rather for granted is the resolve of the Ukrainian people, from their President down, to work together in lockstep to preserve their national freedom.

Of all the countries in Europe, pre-war Ukraine – poor, divided and corrupt – would have come closest to being judged a failed or at least a faltering state, yet now it's prosecuting a war of liberation with steely resolve and considerable success, notwithstanding the slow and bloody progress of the counteroffensive. If the Ukrainian generals are divided among themselves about the ends and means of their campaign, and if the Ukrainian populace is ambivalent over whether their freedom is worth the blood price being paid, there's almost no public evidence.

Instead, from top to bottom of Ukrainian society, there seems to be a singular focus on expelling every last Russian soldier from every last inch of Ukrainian soil, and general agreement that the cause validates what's being done to bring it about.

The shift from an initial heavy assault that faltered in minefields and drone attack, to a painstaking infantry advance house by house, copse by copse, field by field, that could take months or years to succeed, far from inducing any collective soul-searching about whether it's justified, seems to have come with grim acceptance that national freedom is

worth almost any price.

Granted that the Ukrainians are managing a struggle that's much more obviously existential than the issues most countries are dealing with, what's still noteworthy is Ukrainians' seemingly united determination to achieve their national goal, and readiness to respect and support the government that's trying to bring it about.

What's more, not only is there little evidence that the Ukrainians are cutting moral corners in the way they're prosecuting the war, there's not the slightest sign that they're being distracted by any of the side issues that often derail the pursuit of important national goals elsewhere. Their country may be physically broken, thanks to the tyrant's incursions and bombardments, but their politics isn't. Indeed, it may be said of them, as it was once of Britons: this is their finest hour.

Just as the prospect of execution in the morning is said wonderfully to focus the mind, maybe theirs is a sufficiently supreme struggle to lend clarity to their purpose and what's needed to achieve it. Even so, what's striking is the obvious contrast of their leaders' decision-making and their people's readiness to stand behind it, against the woolly confusion about what really needs to be done and half-heartedness in bringing it about that afflicts so many other countries dealing with challenges that are not all that much less perilous in the long run, even if not so immediately acute.

Paradoxically, the politics of Ukraine, albeit in response to an ex-

istential threat, seems far less broken than the politics of many hitherto more successful countries trying to appease every vested interest. So many key issues for us seem harder than ever to resolve because of a collective inability to choose between conflicting goals; to determine a clear course of conduct that would resolve matters; and to then see it through to a successful outcome. Inevitably, the attempt to please almost everyone ends up pleasing almost no one; and, in the process, issues fester, problems deepen and disillusionment grows.

A case in point is the inability of most of the countries supporting Ukraine to be clear about whether they want it to win or merely not to lose, and to act accordingly. Poland, as Vladimir Putin's potential next victim, plainly wants Ukraine to win and has provided much military hardware but can't realistically do more unless America lets it. Britain, as the traditional scourge of aggressors in Europe, likewise has given much weaponry and extensive training but is also constrained by the US, plus its own depleted stockpiles and emaciated industries.

Germany is caught between defeating aggression and appeasing Russia. France alternates between being a friend to Ukraine and a bridge to Russia. Even the mighty US, despite repeated declarations of solidarity, won't give the Ukrainians more of the weapons they want from anxiety about its own needs and apprehension about what a desperate dictator might do.

As for Australia, the chasm between rhetorical and material support is becoming embarrassing, especially since there are hundreds of the armoured vehicles Ukraine would like, unused in depots. But, then, almost no one in authority anywhere has been candid about the material, prudential and perhaps moral constraints that make actions up until now fall so far short of talk.

Viktor Orban's bleak realism – why fight a war you can't win? – would hardly apply if it were Hungary under assault, but at least in his case there has been no disconnect

between words and deeds. It's one of the reasons he's noticed in a way many other leaders aren't.

Then there's hand-wringing impotence that has characterised most countries' approach to the wave of illegal migration by boat since 2015: first, from Turkey into Greece and beyond, then from North Africa mostly into Italy, and lately from France into Britain.

In response there have been naval patrols in the Mediterranean, the Aegean and the Channel that basically have become a search and rescue service for boatpeople; payments to transit countries such as Turkey and France to keep people in camps; and attempts at Europe-wide deals to spread the burden of arrivals – but nothing much has worked. While the Turks seem to have cracked down on people-smuggling, nothing has stemmed the flow from

the largely ungoverned spaces of Libya, and the French don't seem especially fussed to stop people-smuggling that transfers their problem from Calais to England.

As long as people from wretched countries think they can take a boat to a much better life, this peaceful invasion will continue, along with countless deaths at sea. The only way to stop it is to ensure that the people who arrive illegally by boat simply can't stay.

When Australia had this problem on a much smaller scale in the 1990s, the Howard government first stopped the boats by putting people who arrived by boat on temporary visas so they could never become permanent residents; sending people who made it to Australian islands to Nauru for offshore processing so they would never get to the mainland; and turning boats around where it was safe to do so, so that would-be migrants ended up chasing the people-smugglers, wanting their money back.

When the problem recurred on a much larger scale after 2008, my government introduced an integrated command structure, Operation Sovereign Borders; and when the people-smugglers scuttled their boats instead of bringing their passengers to Australia, the navy put people on to unsinkable orange lifeboats with just enough fuel to return to Java. The opposition, the churches and much of the media said it was immoral; some UN agencies said it was illegal; and the Indonesians sure didn't like it; but it worked and it's



now accepted bipartisan policy.

Except that the numbers involved are potentially greater, there's no compelling reason naval patrols in the Mediterranean and elsewhere couldn't escort illegal migrant boats back to their starting point and, if necessary, simply land their passengers safely on a beach. No reason, except added thinking about rights, postcolonial guilt, refugee activist lawfare and the unwillingness even of sovereign states to act outside an EU or a UN mandate.

And so the boats keep coming, people keep drowning, an underclass of often alienated newcomers keeps growing, the reputation of government for competence keeps falling and resentment keeps building among citizens who think their governments' duty to them outweighs any obligation to those who are trespassers in their country.

Another policy area that's rife with wishful thinking is energy, mostly because for the past two decades energy systems in many countries have been run to reduce emissions rather than to deliver affordable and reliable power.

Indeed, in many countries, it has been claimed that rapidly transitioning from oil, coal and gas-fired power to wind and solar will somehow be cheaper – a bizarre claim given that renewable power always has to be subsidised. And even though modern life requires power 24/7, not just when the wind is blowing and the sun is shining.

While every country that has

made a virtue of decarbonising (other than France, which went almost wholly nuclear because it wanted to minimise its dependence on other countries' fossil fuels) has seen power prices skyrocket, that hasn't deterred leaders from Joe Biden down claiming that what's plainly economic self-harm will somehow save money, create jobs and boost prosperity.

In Australia, despite some of the world's largest reserves of coal and gas, which are two of our three biggest exports, government's aim is to become a renewable energy superpower, as if no one else has wind and sun, on the basis of our reserves of the minerals needed to make batteries, even though green rules make it increasingly hard to extract them and almost impossible to refine. The rush to renewables (nearly all made in China, while the Chinese Communist Party opens more new coal-fired power in a year than Australia's total) has made us weaker and China stronger without the slightest impact on climate, if CO₂ China emits without compunction really is the main climate change villain.

Many people in authority must know that in most Western countries energy policy is a slow-motion train wreck and that previous climate change proves that human CO₂ is not the only or even the main factor in climate. But they won't say so lest they commit heresy against the new civic religion, in which good citizenship always requires stronger action against the climate emergen-

cy. To the innumerable people who take the inevitable and almost never genuinely unprecedented weather events in their stride, forcing people out of their petrol or diesel vehicles, policy-driven herd reduction and home reconstruction, with all the lifestyle changes involved, looks like the moral vanity of elites who can afford it against the masses who can't.

And when there's only a minor difference of degree between both main parties, as in many countries, it's not surprising that multitudes feel politically homeless and worry that the system is broken.

When theory comes up against reality, the facts will eventually win out, but a lot of damage can be done in the meantime. As Winston Churchill is supposed to have said, men occasionally stumble over the truth, only to pick themselves up and hurry off.

Maybe the lights really do have to go out for the renewables infatuation to end. Maybe it will take a direct military challenge for the societies that are the most free, most fair and most easygoing on minorities to regain faith in themselves. Maybe vast numbers of regretful gender transitioners will have to sue their doctors before it's once more normal to accept the bodies God has given us. Maybe hallowed political parties will have to be swept away by disrupters for elected politicians to remember their job is to lead rather than defer to official advice. Because in most Western countries' public life, politically correct virtue signal-

ling invariably has the upper hand.

My fear is the rise of apparatchik politics is keeping our best citizens out of public life. That the pervasiveness of 24/7 social media is coarsening our national conversation. And the resultant fragmentation and polarisation are making it ever harder to keep our disagreements civil.

Right now, with a revolving-door prime ministership in Britain, personality cult politics in America, plus the eclipse of longstanding allegiances everywhere, our civilisation seems at a low ebb, especially in the Anglosphere where faith, family and country have never been in less regard. In one vital respect, if not in others, we who have never been more materially prosperous, yet so spiritually bereft, can look with envy at the Ukrainians who have discovered something to live or die for that's greater than the sovereign self.

It's hard not to be despondent about all that should be better but we have been here before, most recently in the 1970s of strategic challenge, economic stagnation, and social unrest. Yet two decades on, liberal democracy was thought to be triumphant because a few key leaders strove to make a difference. There must be contemporary Thatchers, Reagans and Wojtylas just waiting to make their presence felt.

This is an edited extract of a speech former Liberal prime minister Tony Abbott delivered to the Danube Institute Security Conference in Budapest on Thursday.

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