Two commercial radio stations, Music FM and Sláger FM, will be forced to close down after the Media Council refused to renew their broadcasting licences, which are due to expire in February 2019. Both Music FM and Sláger FM are popular stations enjoying audience figures of between 300 and 500 thousand listeners a day, and their closure will mean there are no popular commercial stations left that are not owned by close associates of the Hungarian government. The Hungarian media authority NMHH said their licences were not being renewed because both stations had committed "serious violations" of the media law by failing to observe child protection regulations.
Letter from the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the Council of Europe