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Minister László Palkovics
Ministry of Innovation and Technology
Fő utca 44-50.
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Hungary

Re: Proposed amendment of the Law on the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Law on the 2019 state budget of Hungary

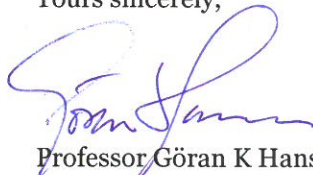
Dear Minister Palkovics,

We have been informed about the proposed amendment of the Law on the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Law on the 2019 state budget of Hungary and its implications on the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. If passed, this law will threaten the scientific autonomy and the quality of scientific output of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and it will have consequences for the reputation of the Hungarian academy and Hungarian science in general.

Scientific freedom is essential for the advancement of human knowledge and a prerequisite for a Nation's scientific, technological, and cultural development. National Academies of Sciences in general have an important role in strengthening the role of science and the quality of a nation's research. The Hungarian Academy of Sciences supports excellence of its researchers and the output of its interdisciplinary research centers, institutes and research groups. The suggested amendments will likely result in diminished quality and output of Hungarian science

We therefore urge you to withdraw the voting on these laws and to allow for a better consultation and consent of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences as one of the most affected stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,



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Professor Christina Moberg
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