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Dear Professor Lovász,

I am writing to you as President of the International Science Council (ISC) and Chair of its Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science. The ISC upholds the principles of free and responsible practice of science as being fundamental to scientific advancement and human and environmental well-being. It is of fundamental importance that decisions of a scientific nature, including those related to the scope of scientific activities and funding allocations to projects and institutes, should not be subject to political control or pressure.

As such, I am therefore writing to express our support to the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in its efforts to defend and secure fundamental scientific freedoms. The ISC has today issued a statement on efforts to promote and defend academic freedom in Hungary, which I append to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science

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