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Prof. László Lovász,
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Dear Prof. Lovász

As President of the Science Academy - Bilim Akademisi, Turkey, I would like to express sympathies and support, along the ALLEA statements, for the Hungarian Academy of Sciences regarding the governmental intervention and pressure that MTA is faced with. Our Science Academy was founded as a non-governmental organization after the government decided to appoint members to the official Turkish Academy of Sciences, TÜBA, at which the majority of TÜBA members resigned. We understand your situation in these times of difficulty not only for science and the pursuit of truth but also, and connectedly, for freedom of expression and democracy.

With my best regards,

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