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Letter of solidarity with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

As preses (president) and visepreses (vice president) of the Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters (DKNVS) we write on behalf of our members to express our solidarity with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in the present situation.

The Norwegian Royal Society of Sciences and Letters shares the concerns about the freedom of science in Hungary, expressed by many academic actors in and outside Hungary. As many others we are worried about the infringements on the academic freedom of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, caused by the actions by the Hungarian government. We support the call for institutional autonomy of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. We urge the government in Hungary to guarantee the autonomy of science and academic institutions. The Norwegian Royal Society of Sciences and Letters is the oldest academic institution in Norway, established in 1760, and has since then supported fundamental research and science, which has to be free of political dominance. We are since 2017 member of the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Letters (ALLEA), and share the concerns and call for protection of the academic freedom of science in Hungary, which ALLEA has expressed

Sincerely,

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