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In Support of the Academic Science in Hungary

Considering the longstanding tradition of mutual cooperation between the researchers of the Institute for Historical Studies at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and our Hungarian colleagues from the Institute of History, Research Centre for the Humanities at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in the study of the common past of Central and Southeastern Europe, we express our deep concern about the future of academic historical research in Hungary and about the development of our excellent contacts so far.

We are watching with great anxiety the Hungarian government's measures affecting the funding of Hungary's most prestigious scientific institution, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and its humanitarian institutes. We share the view that fundamental research cannot develop without stable sources of funding, and scientific organizations should be able to decide independently which research areas to support. We believe that academic research has its advantages in the countries of Central and Southeastern Europe. Convinced that preserving the autonomous status of scientific institutions and freedom of research is a prerequisite for the successful development of science, we are aware of the importance of international collegial support in the fight against any attempts to restrict academic freedoms. It was only a few years ago that we had to defend against such trends, and then we received significant support from the international academic community.

Based on this experience, the researchers from the Institute for Historical Studies at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences express their solidarity with the Hungarian academic community and support the demands of the scientists working at the affected institutes of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and especially our research partner, the Institute of History.

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