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To:

Mr. Bojko Borisov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

Mrs. Cecka Cacheva, Chairwoman of the Parliament of the Republic of Bulgaria

Civic Movement on the Protection of Science and Education in Bulgaria

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The scientific Board of the Masaryk Institute and Archives of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (MÚA AV ČR) discussed on the session held on the 9th December 2010 the situation in the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS). The Board express full support to the standpoint of the majority of researchers from academic institutes of BAS who refused the new draft of the Law on BAS as it was proposed by the MP for GERB Mr. Rumén Stoilov. We, researches – members of the board – of MÚA AV ČR, consider the draft as an attempt to liquidate scientific autonomy of the institutes and, in longer perspective, as liquidation of BAS as the main Bulgarian scientific institution, which is known in European scientific circles with its excellent results in the field of science. We cannot agree with the draft of the law not only because it harms our Bulgarian colleagues, with whom we express our full solidarity, but also because the draft could be a precedent to the similar development in the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.

Yours respectfully,

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director

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