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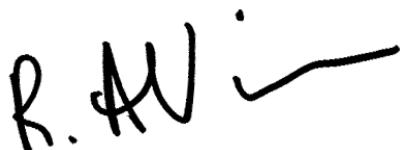
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The Right Honourable Boyko Borisov
Prime Minister of Bulgaria
Sofia,
Bulgaria

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing on behalf of the Scientific Committee on Solar-Terrestrial Physics (SCOSTEP) to express our dismay that your Government proposes to disestablish the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Strong basic research is the foundation upon which applied science and technology are built and BAS has a long and distinguished record in promoting scientific and technological development in your country. To terminate the Academy would cause a major setback to advancing science and engineering education in Bulgaria. We respectfully request that you reconsider your decision.

Yours Sincerely,



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