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To  
Members of Bulgarian Government  
Sofia

With great dismay I have noticed the plans of bulgarian government to shut down the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and to shorten drastically the support of universities.

Of course it is legitimate to think about saving money, as all states of the European Union have to do. Nevertheless, one of the best investments to further development of a community is to support

- education centres for young people, like universities
- research centres like Bulgarian Academy of Science

The value of such institutions is hardly to be underestimated: besides education and basic research also lot of applied research is done, which may help in future to increase the economic power of a state.

I have to emphasize that I have only the best experience when working together with bulgarian scientists: with people from the Faculty of Physics of the Sofia University as well as from Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (Institute of Solid State Physics and Institute of Electronics). All people are excellent in science and additional also highly qualified with respect to their personal behaviour. I have always been very welcome when visiting Bulgaria.

I strongly recommend to support the bulgarian scientific institutions with adequate funding, and to esteem their scientific and social work.

Sincerely yours

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