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I take the liberty to appeal to Your Excellence in my capacity as President of the Euro Mediterranean Academic Network (EMAN), a scientific organization including the Academies of Sciences of the Mediterranean Countries, whose mission is to promote growth and coordination of a Mediterranean science area (see enclosed pamphlet). As You may see, the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts is one of the members of EMAN; and as such, it has played an active role over the last few years.

I have been informed by the President of the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts that the Government of Montenegro is planning to adopt a new Law which, as far as I understand, may jeopardize the independence of action and judgment of Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts, and violate the hallmark of every Academy, consistent with Article 4.1 of EMAN's Statutes which reads:

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Article 4. Membership

4.1 Eligible for membership of EMAN are academies of sciences in the Mediterranean region that elect their members on the basis of scientific merit and that do not deny membership on ideological, ethnical, religious or gender-related grounds. For national academies there will in principle be one member academy per country.

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Your Excellence the President, I hope that the Government of Montenegro will wisely reconsider changing the new Law on the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts which, if approved, would represent a *vulnus* to the basic principle that new members of an Academy are elected by the Academicians, based exclusively on their scientific or artistic achievements.

EMAN is totally committed to continue active relationships with the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts, and hopes that scientific autonomy in electing new members will be preserved.

Thank You very much for Your attention.

Sincerely Yours

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