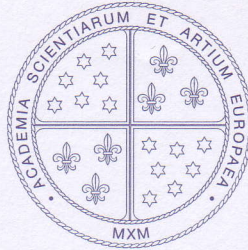


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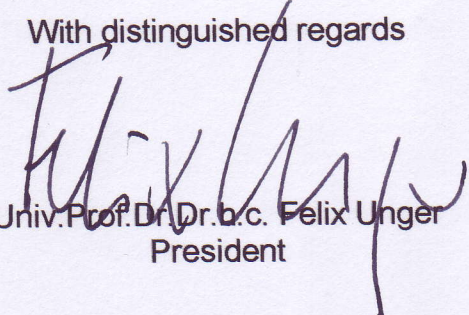
Excellency,

As President of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts and foreign member of the MASA I learned that the new Law on Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts is planned to be adopted. The new Law is proposing a method of electing members which is not compatible in national academies worldwide. One can become member of a national academy only by election, which are preceded by peer review procedure based on scientific and artistic achievements.

We want to pay your attention that the new Law on Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts implies membership in MASA by verification in any strange ways, instead of election on the basis of scientific or artistic achievements. This produces problems in recognizing Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts as the member of national science academies' family, and may negatively reflect on our further cooperation. Certainly, this shows political will over scientific integrity and autonomy of scientific institutions in Montenegro.

Excellency, we would like to ask you to reexamine the new Law on Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts regarding the procedure for becoming member, as well as to protect its' current membership from expelling. We are very committed to continue keeping good relations with Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts as a very active and well recognized institution in the world of National Academies. Its' success is in preserving autonomy in electing new members as well as scientific integrity as it is in all Academies.

With distinguished regards


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