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**H.E. Mr. Filip Vujanović,
The President of Montenegro,**

**H.E. Mr. Igor Lukšić
The Prime Minister of Montenegro,**

**H.E. Mr. Ranko Krivokapić,
The Speaker of the Parliament of
Montenegro**

Excellencies,

With deep regret we were informed by the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts about the intention to adopt a new Law on MASA, which is proposing a new method of obtaining the membership, unknown within national academies worldwide. As a common rule in the academies worldwide, one can become member of national academy only by elections, which are preceded by peer review procedure based on scientific and artistic achievements.

We want to pay your attention that if it happens that the new Law on Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts imply membership in MASA by verification or in any other way, instead of election on the basis of scientific or artistic achievements, this might affect the recognition of Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts as the member of national science academies family, and may negatively reflect MASA position at the international level. Certainly, this would mean that the political will is over scientific integrity and autonomy principle of scientific institutions in Montenegro.

Your Excellencies, we would like to ask You to reexamine the situation with the new Law on MASA, regarding the membership procedure, as well as to protect its' current membership from expelling.

ASM is very committed to continue the fruitful cooperation with Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts as a very active and well recognized institution in the world of national academies. However, this is much conditioned by its' success in preserving autonomy in electing new members as well as scientific integrity.

With deep consideration,

President of ASM

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