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Dear Mr. President,

We have been informed by the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts that the new Law on Montenegrin Academy is proposing a strange method for becoming a member of national academy which is not known in national academies worldwide. In all academies one can become a member only by elections, which are preceded by peer review procedure based on scientific and artistic achievements. We want to emphasize that the new Law on Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts possibly implying membership not based on scientific or artistic achievements might seriously undermine otherwise great achievements by Montenegro and MASA in particular. This is especially important in view of the fact that one of the centres of the World Academy of Art and Science will be located in a new building of MASA.

Mr. President, we kindly ask that the proposed Law be reconsidered. We ask you as well to protect the current membership of MASA. MASA's scientific integrity would be seriously jeopardized by the proposed law. We are very committed to continue collaborating 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.

Sincerely yours

Ivo Šlaus  
President