

Statement of the Visegrad Group Academies Forum and the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts

We, the representatives of the V4 Academies - the Czech Academy of Sciences, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the Polish Academy of Sciences, as well as the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts highly respect the integrity and contributions of the Slovak Academy of Sciences to European science. We are deeply concerned about the ongoing transformation of the Slovak Academy of Sciences that threatens the continuity of its operations.

With urgency, we call on the representatives of the Slovakian Government and National Council of the Slovak Republic to preserve the legal continuity of the institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and ensure that the Slovak Academy of Sciences remains a credible and reliable partner in European scientific consortia and the European Research Area.

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