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Dear Mr. Boyko Borisov (Prime Minister of Bulgaria):

I write to you today on behalf of my scientific colleagues at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. I beseech you to keep this important scientific institution for the sake of international science. This Academy has made vital contributions, and continues to do so.

As one example, the Academy is providing the website for ISWI (International Space Weather Initiative). ISWI is running under the auspices of the United Nations. This website is vital for ISWI.

In addition, the Academy coordinates ISWI activities and space weather studies in the Balkan, Black Sea, and Caspian Sea region (a total of 12 nations). This, too, is internationally a vital service performed by the Academy.

In the strongest terms, I ask that current funding be maintained for the Academy. This is not just for international collaboration, but to maintain a good future for the young people in Bulgaria who may wish to pursue a career in science. Please keep such people in mind as your country debates this funding matter.

Sincerely

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