



President of the Republic

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Dear President János Áder,

The International Association of Universities is proud to count, among its Member universities the Central European University (CEU) in Budapest.

Being a Member of the IAU represents a commitment to a number of fundamental values – academic freedom and institutional autonomy – being the central if not the only ones.

CEU, an internationally recognized institution of higher education, offering quality post-graduate programs to students from all parts of the world upholds and embodies these values. Furthermore it constitutes a unique and clear example of the richness that a commitment to an international environment can bring to learning, scholarship and research.

The IAU is deeply worried about the legislation recently passed by the Hungarian Parliament that would curb CEU's right, as an autonomous and recognized higher education institution, to continue to operate freely and to offer this international learning space to Hungarian and international students in the future.

We appeal to you to re-consider the changes being proposed concerning CEU and thus protect the most important values upheld by academic institutions worldwide – institutional autonomy and academic freedom.

Respectfully yours,



Prof. Pam Fredman
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Cc. Michael Ignatieff, President, Rector of the Central European University