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Michael Ignatieff  
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Dear Rector Ignatieff,

With these few words I wish to convey a message of closeness and solidarity of Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) to your academic institution.

We believe that ideas should be discussed in the context of an open society, and not with policies and regulations.

Expressing solidarity to you today means defending the future of this basic principle, which for centuries has enabled scientific progress, economic development, and the cultural development of Western democracies.

In this difficult moment, the USI academic community and I are close to you and all colleagues, researchers and students of your university.

Sincerely yours,



Boas EREZ

Rector and vice-president of the University Council