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Viktor Orban, Prime Minister of Hungary
Office of the Prime Minister

Dear Prime Minister Orban,

We are writing to express our concern regarding proposed legislation which imposes new, targeted regulations on foreign universities, and which could negatively impact upon the future of the Central European University (CEU), a respected university which is an important part of the international scientific community.

The CEU has provided an excellent education to Hungarian students and has drawn some of the best international students to Hungary for almost a quarter of a century. Some of its departments are ranked among the top 50 worldwide, its faculty have won prestigious awards, and it has advanced Hungary's status and contributions to international academia. It has advanced the values of diversity, pluralism, tolerance, and critical thinking. Hungary can be proud of the CEU.

We respectfully urge the Government of Hungary to avoid legislative action which would compromise CEU's operations or independence, thus hurting academic freedom and excellence in Hungary.

Signed,

Prof. Menahem Ben-Sasson
President

Prof. Asher Cohen
Rector