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**Subject: Letter of Solidarity with the Central European University**

Dear Colleague,

With regard to the proposed amendments to the Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education, the University of Graz and I wish to express our solidarity with the Central European University.

The Central European University not only is a highly ranked University with excellent international reputation but also a well-respected partner of the University of Graz. We are alarmed by the Hungarian government's proposed legislation that would endanger operations of our valued partner institution. The legislation represents an act against academic freedom that we strongly condemn. The University of Graz hopes that the Central European University will be able to continue its high profile academic work in Hungary for the benefit of many student generations to come.

Yours sincerely,

(Univ.-Prof. Dr. Christa Neuper, Rector of University of Graz)