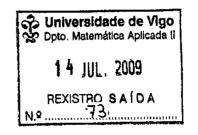


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His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic,

After reading the paper recently published in the prestigious journal *Nature* about the government changes in the national science-funding system of the Czech Republic, we would like to express the following:

The members of our Department know very well the work of some prominent Czech mathematicians by means of their high-level scientific papers, monographs, and lectures in international conferences. Their work is always enthusiastic and encouraging, and, by means of these researchers, we appreciate very much your country and the impressive development of its science.

We are afraid that the drastic changes in the science-funding system will have dramatic consequences for the activities of our Czech colleagues, so we strongly support the position of the Academic Community in the Czech Republic. We kindly ask you to reconsider the new system of financing research in order to keep the high level of science (and in particular of mathematics) in your country.

Yours sincerely,

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