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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences I am expressing our deep concern of the present critical situation of basic research in the Czech Republic due to the drastic reduction of funding provided to your Academy. Undoubtedly an injured scientific community during a period of severe economic stress and recession would be a serious threat to the economic development of your country. The low priority given to science by governments inevitably has numerous negative consequences one of which is a massive brain drain. What is more is that an impaired Czech scientific community also endangers the European research area which should require an active intervention of the European Commission. We wish to emphasize that the Academy of sciences of the Czech republic is internationally recognized as a valuable European scientific asset. Our cooperation with our Czech partners over the years has been very constructive and has contributed a lot to the development of many research fields in Bulgaria.

I wish to reassure you that the Bulgarian Academy will endeavor to express its support to your Academy to the European Commission leaving no stone unturned. I wish you success in your fight for saving Czech science and Czech scientists.

With best regards,  
Sincerely,

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