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Dear Colleagues,

in my capacity of President of the European Society for Analytic Philosophy (ESAP), I am deeply concerned to hear that planned budget cuts seriously imperil the continued existence of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and its dependent institutes.

Many members of ESAP in the last twenty years have fruitfully cooperated with their professional colleagues from the Institute of Philosophy of the Academy, and I would like to stress the relevance of the contribute of the Institute to the development for the European philosophical research.

We all recognize the significance of the work of my professional colleagues from the Institute of Philosophy of the Academy for linking the research in philosophy and the humanities performed in the Czech Republic with its international milieu, as well as for fulfilling the social role of these disciplines in their national environment.

I thereby believe that the social contribution of their scientific research and their pedagogical and organizational activities is culturally and scientifically vital and deserves both the respect and the budgetary support of the responsible governmental authorities.

Yours Sincerely

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President of the European Society for Analytic Philosophy