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Mr. Sergey Naryshkin
Speaker of Russian Parliament

Dear Mr. Naryshkin

I was extremely disappointed to hear about the planned changes in the Russian Academy of Sciences. This is a great institution with a long and successful tradition. It has played a crucial role in the spectacular achievements of the Russian science community, which had a huge impact on the advancement of science worldwide.

As with every institution, it makes sense to review every aspect of its procedures. The same is true for the Academy. But all changes should be thought of very carefully. Careless actions can cause more harm than good. In particular, it is essential to keep the independence of the Academy. This is very important for the future of science in Russia, as well as for science in the entire world.

Sincerely yours,

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