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Open Letter – Re: Central European University, Budapest

Dear Prime Minister Orbán,

It is with great concern that we have noticed the uncertain future of the Central European University in Budapest.

We welcome the beginning of discussions on June 23 between the government of Hungary and the office of the Governor of New York. On behalf of our colleagues at CEU, we urge the Government of Hungary to seek a solution that enables CEU to continue as a free institution in Budapest awarding American and Hungarian accredited degrees. We would be pleased by such a solution, which would demonstrate Hungary's commitment to fundamental European values of freedom in scientific research and teaching. It would strengthen Hungary's much respected position as valued partner in European higher education.

Sincerely yours,

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