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Dear Professor Lovász,

the German Archaeological Institute has long maintained close links with Hungarian colleagues working across the historical sciences and wider humanities. One of our commissions, the Romano-Germanic Commission in Frankfurt, cultivates particularly close links with the Hungarian scientific community. It is engaged in several ongoing cooperation projects in Hungary and even maintains a branch office within the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. This close partnership with researchers in your country builds on a tradition of collaboration and exchange spanning more than a century.

In view of this long-standing and ongoing engagement with the Hungarian scientific community as a whole and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in particular, we are concerned by the current developments that this institution faces. The changes affecting the funding process could potentially threaten the independence of scientific work being carried out at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences as well as contravening the principle of academic freedom. This holds especially true for the humanities.

In view of more than a century of close cooperation between Hungarian colleagues and the staff of the German Archaeological Institute, both in Hungary and beyond, we highly value their academic independence, excellence of research and resulting hugely important contribution to European and international science. As such we fully support the staff of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in their attempt to maintain their academic freedom as well as integrity and independence in their research.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fless', is written over a horizontal line.

Prof. Dr. Friederike Fless