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## **The Council of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities appeals to all academic institutions worldwide to stand firm against manifestations of anti-Semitism and academic boycotts of Israeli science and research**

The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, entrusted by law with fostering international academic relationships and representing Israeli science globally, is reaching out to express its deep concern over the intensifying academic boycott of Israeli research institutions and scientists. This boycott threatens to undermine not only Israeli science but also the very principles of academic freedom and international collaboration, which are the bedrock of scientific progress.

We urge our fellow academies, universities, and research institutions worldwide to reject the use of academic boycotts as a tool for geopolitical disputes. Science transcends national borders and is grounded in shared universal values of academic freedom, cooperation, and freedom of thought and expression. Academic boycotts are a direct attack on these values, impeding the ability of scientists to work together on solving global challenges.

The increasing boycott actions have already resulted in significant disruptions, including the cancellation of cooperative projects, mutual visits and joint conferences. This is a dangerous trend that threatens to isolate Israeli scientists and impede the global exchange of knowledge. Moreover, such measures risk damaging Israel's participation in crucial international research programs, such as those of the European Union, which are vital to the advancement of scientific research and innovation.

We appeal to all academic institutions to stand firm against manifestations of anti-Semitism and anti-Israel sentiments that often masquerade as political criticism. It is essential to maintain an academic environment free of discrimination and prejudice, ensuring that all members of the academic community can contribute to scientific research without fear of bias or boycott.

In light of this, we also call upon Israel's government to take decisive actions to safeguard the future of research in Israel. The government must halt activities



that undermine the independence of scientific research, and academic and cultural institutions. Strengthening support for research is critical during these challenging times.

Your support and solidarity are crucial in maintaining the integrity and progress of global scientific collaboration. Together, we can uphold the values of academic freedom and continue to advance scientific knowledge for the benefit of all.

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