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On behalf of the international scientific community, we want to express our profound concern in the midst of the current judiciary initiatives aimed towards the imprisonment of 31 members of the Mexican scientific community, who, in the past, either have held leading positions in the Mexican National Council of Science and Technology or in its Consulting Committee for Science and Technology (FCCyT, by its acronym in Spanish).

In such regard, it is our opinion the FCCyT has conducted important actions and initiatives aimed at the articulation of a myriad of social agencies involved in the promotion of the scientific and technological development of Mexico. Nonetheless, they have been accused of criminal activities equivalent to those of drug cartels, with sentences that could eventually reach 80 years in prison.

While we acknowledge the fact that budgets should and must be subject to thorough auditing, it is our understanding that such a process did take place in due time. Therefore, we are respectfully addressing you in order to request a revalorization of the substantial commitment of the above mentioned 31 scientists in the construction of a solid scaffolding for the promotion of science and technology in Mexico.

In doing so, it is our firm belief that such a reconsideration would be in the line of the philosophy of the *Declaration on Science and the Use of Scientific Knowledge* of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Budapest, Hungary, 1999), particularly when inviting scientists to make:

“...every effort to promote dialogue between the scientific community and society, to remove all discrimination with respect to education for and the benefits of science, to act ethically and cooperatively within our own spheres of responsibility, to strengthen scientific culture and its peaceful application throughout the world, and to promote the use of scientific knowledge for the well-being of populations and for sustainable peace and development, taking into account the social and ethical principles illustrated above.”

To conclude, we reiterate our request to reconsider the charges made upon such a distinguished group of scientists and scholars. It is our conviction that Mexico will certainly benefit from the conjoint participation of its vast scientific community, especially of those who have made outstanding scientific and technological contributions to Mexico.

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