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- by email only -

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Dear President Juncker,

The network of the EU National Science Academies – the European Academies' Science Advisory Council (EASAC) – is very disappointed to learn that the post of Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) to the President of the European Commission has been abolished.

EASAC believes passionately in the need for and great value of independent evidence based scientific advice for the formulation of EU policies. At a time when the need for independent science in policy-making is increasingly important, the decision to scrap the post of CSA seems a backward one. EASAC very much hopes this does not mean that the Commission will value scientific evidence in policy-making less.

Despite this setback, EASAC would be prepared to participate in developing a strategy that ensures the effective delivery of independent evidence based advice to the Commission.

EASAC would be very interested to hear of the Commission's plans for the future of scientific advice for EU policy formulation.

Yours sincerely



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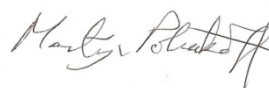
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