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To whom it may concern

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

it is my great pleasure to communicate my strongest possible support for Professor George Zoupanos to you. Professor Zoupanos is an internationally very well known and highly respected scientist in the field of theoretical particle physics. He made profound and influential contributions to fundamental physics, such as his famous prediction for the mass of the Higgs particle, which is very likely that has been discovered at CERN in Geneva during last year. His contributions to physics are published in numerous publications in renowned scientific journals. Professor Zoupanos was invited speaker in a very large number of international conferences. Furthermore, he is and he was a principal investigator in several international research grants, such as European research networks. Moreover he is the founder of the famous Hellenic summer school and summer conferences in Corfu, where over many years international scientists of highest possible caliber (such as Nobel laureates Prof. David Gross, Prof. Jack Steinberger and Prof. Martinus Veltman) are gathering together to exchange scientific ideas and also to train young physicists from Greece and from abroad.

The scientific career of Professor Zoupanos is outstanding. As professor for theoretical physics at the National Technical University in Athens he is one of the most famous and influential scientists in Greece.

Professor Zoupanos was a Visiting Professor at the Humboldt-University in Berlin in the years 1997-8 and 2001, he was a Research Associate at the Max-Planck-Institute for Physics in Munich in 2005 and between 2009 - 2011, and he was also a Visiting Professor at the Arnold-Sommerfeld- Center for theoretical physics at the Ludwig-Maximilians

University in Munich. We are very proud and honored that Professor Zoupanos is now with us for a scientific visit in Munich till the end of February. This invitation was done early last year as well as the arrangements for the apartment booking. The research programme carried out during the visit of Professor Zoupanos is very tight and in addition he presented already a seminar on the January 22nd in the Cosmology Group of the LMU Physics Department and he will present a seminar in the "Fields and Strings" series of the Arnold-Sommerfeld-Center for theoretical physics at LMU. In addition will go to Ecole Normale Superieure in Paris during February for a scientific visit and collaboration and he will present a seminar in a joint audience of theorists and experimentalists at the Linear Accelerator Laboratory, Paris on the February 15th. Finally if Professor Zoupanos does not have to leave before the end of February, another seminar will be fixed on Feb 27th. I hope that all these arguments will make clear the scientific relevance of the visit of Professor Zoupanos in Munich till the end of February for the development of several international projects, and the inconvenience that will produce an early departure from Munich.

With best regards



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