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## Letter of support – Professor George Zoupanos

We were really shocked by the news of the, we deeply believe, unfair verdict, which our colleague Professor George Zoupanos has suffered from a First Instance Court in Athens in September this year. We would like to express our concern and will that this injustice be corrected and furthermore, our colleague's unquestionable reputation be formally reinstated without delay.

Professor Zoupanos is a university professor, distinguished scientist in Greece and abroad, and a long term member of the regional *Southeastern European Network in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics (SEENET-MTP)* and its Scientific Advisory Committee. We have been informed that our colleague was harassed and physically hurt by a violent group of people without any provocation on his part during the peaceful citizens' mobilization in Ellinikon, Athens, in May 2008.

In addition, after seven years of suffering, despite the prosecutor recommending Professor Zoupanos as innocent, despite the overwhelming evidence in the professor's favor, medical reports, several witnesses testimonies, the oral and written testimonies by reputed academics, the university vice-chancellor, the Mayor of Ellinikon at the time of the incident, journalists and other reputed citizens, the court in imposing to both parties the same penalty: four months suspended sentence.

Herewith we would like to express our full support to Professor Zoupanos and we strongly believe in our colleague's innocence. Furthermore, we expect the immediate confirmation of this in the Higher Court and we call on all Responsible Bodies to investigate in detail the relevant file of the case in order to restore the truth to avoid such unfortunate incidents and shameful situations in the future.

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