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Academician Vladimir E. Fortov  
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Dear President Fortov:

We would like to express our warmest congratulations to you on your election and confirmation as the new President of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS). Your distinguished career as a leading scientist, research manager, and senior government official is widely respected throughout the international scientific community; and we look forward to working closely with you in the months and years ahead.

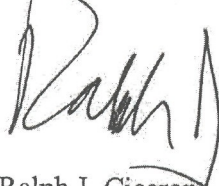
Since 1959, our two academies have conducted a very productive set of scientific and technical exchanges under our long-standing InterAcademy Agreement, recently renewed on April 4, 2013. Through our joint cooperation, we have addressed such broad ranging topics as biosciences and biotechnology, research affecting public health, inter-ethnic relations, radioactive waste management, nuclear safety and security, and counterterrorism and nonproliferation. In addition to the numerous projects undertaken on these and other topics during our cooperation, the joint National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and RAS Committee on International Security and Arms Control (CISAC) has remained a unique mechanism for over 30 years by which our two academies can undertake a sustained dialogue and projects of direct relevance to our countries. We appreciate the support, both administratively and financially, that the RAS has provided to all of our collaborative interactions, and we look forward to continued support. With your leadership and sustained engagement of the RAS, we are poised to address the critical and timely issues of climate change, energy production and conservation, and technological innovation along with additional topics of mutual interest.

A key measure of our success has been the provision of independent, objective scientific advice to the leaders of the Russian Federation and the United States, as well as to other audiences in the global community. This independent advice is based on sound, high-quality research and informed discussion and peer-reviewed analysis. We believe it vital to continue and expand this active engagement for the benefit of not only our two countries, but also of people around the

world. The U.S. National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, and Institute of Medicine look forward to continuing to work with the Russian Academy of Sciences looks forward to continuing to work with the RAS on these difficult challenges and hope that this cooperation will not be interrupted despite any possible changes.

Again, we would like to warmly congratulate you on your election and confirmation as President of the Russian Academy of Sciences. We welcome you to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences at your earliest convenience.

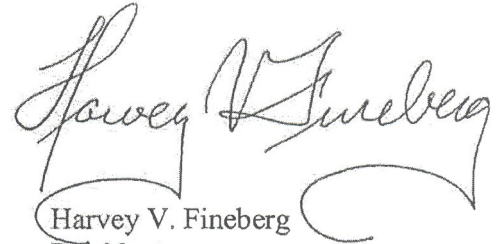
Yours sincerely,



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