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STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION IN NICARAGUA

The Inter-American Network of Academies of Sciences, IANAS, strongly condemns the cancellation of the legal status of the Academy of Sciences of Nicaragua (ACN) by the Nicaraguan government. We further wish to express our deep concern about the policy changes concerning the autonomy of institutions of higher education, canceling state funding for the University of Central America, UCA, and severely compromising the academic freedom and autonomy of universities in Nicaragua. These actions are inconsistent with international laws concerning the human right to freedom of association, obstruct the free exercise and dissemination of science, and endanger the strong international standing of Nicaraguan scientific work.

The Academy of Sciences of Nicaragua is an active member of IANAS, the regional network of Academies of Sciences, which supports cooperation towards the strengthening of science and technology as a tool for advancing research and development, prosperity and equity in the Americas. Since its foundation in 2009, the Academy of Sciences of Nicaragua (ACN) has played a leading role in promoting the advancement of science and technology, becoming a fundamental reference on Research and Development, and representing Nicaragua in multiple international scientific fora. Working in close collaboration with IANAS, the ACN has provided a significant public service, mobilizing the national and international scientific community around the discussion of complex issues of relevance to Nicaraguan society.

We stand in solidarity with the Nicaraguan scientists, universities, and the whole academic community, and call on the Nicaraguan government to reconsider its position and reestablish the Academy's legal status.

The Executive Committee of IANAS