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Dear President Paton,

With respect to the forthcoming 100th Anniversary of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, it is our pleasure to propose the integration of the *“Austrian–Ukrainian Commission of Historians”* within the existing bilateral Agreement on Scientific Co-operation between the Austrian and the Ukrainian Academies.

Looking back on more than 20 years of close scientific co-operation between our Academies, strong scientific ties in the natural sciences have been established, particularly in the field of physics. With this letter, we suggest a joint activity in the field of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

The idea of the *“Austrian–Ukrainian Commission of Historians”* is to establish an independent platform of Austrian and Ukrainian scholars with the aim to foster international scientific contacts and to organise joint scientific events. Special attention should be paid to questions regarding the common history of Austria and Ukraine.

Please find enclosed a first draft of a new bilateral Agreement. Of course, we are fully open to suggestions of any kind from your side.

It is our firm belief that this common initiative will open up an important channel of fruitful academic exchange and sustain scientific work. We hope our proposal finds your support.

We are very much looking forward to meeting you in December in Kyiv.

Yours sincerely,



Anton Zeilinger
President



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