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Dear Professor Kajita,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 February 2023. I cannot but express my great dismay and concern for the serious situation the Science Council of Japan is facing concerning its autonomy, which consequently poses a threat to academic freedom.

Indeed, it is very regrettable that this is taking place during Japan's G7 Presidency, when the S7 academies will also convene in Tokyo in March 2023.

We will bring this serious matter to the attention of our Government, the Ambassador of Japan to Italy and to the international networks of which we are a member, including the European networks.

The Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei expresses its solidarity with the Science Council of Japan and reiterates its stand for scientific and academic freedom without government infringements.

With the assurances of my highest consideration, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Roberto Antonelli