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To Mr. Nihat Ergun
Minister of Science, Technology and Industry

LEUVEN, August 10, 2011

Dear Minister N. Ergun,

We heard with surprise that there are plans to shut down the Feza Gürsey Institute for fundamental science. This institute has an important role in the international community of physics to educate young scientists and to show the strength of the Turkish scientific community to scientists in the rest of the world. It has been established in honour of prof. Feza Gürsey, who was a widely recognized expert in mathematical physics, especially on the role of symmetry in physics.

We hope that these plans can be canceled and that the Gürsey institute can remain as a center of research and education on theoretical and mathematical physics, in the interest of the Turkish and the international physics community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'A. Proeyen'. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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