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Dear Mr. Director,

I am sending you the standpoint of the Academy Council of the Czech Academy of Sciences (CAS) regarding the evaluation of the Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry of the CAS. At its 5th session on 7 September 2021, the Academy Council discussed your institute's objection to re-evaluation of the final report on the evaluation of your Institute by field commission No. 32 – Chemical sciences, at the proposal of the Coordination Board of the Evaluation (CBE).

The Academy Council was acquainted with the expert commission's standpoint regarding your request for re-evaluation of the final report (dated 22 June 2021), your objection against this standpoint (dated 12 July 2021) and the standpoint of the CBE (dated 23 July 2021), which assessed your objection from the aspect of adherence to the principles of evaluation and compliance of the evaluation process with the Methodology of evaluation of research and professional activities of CAS institutes for 2015–2019 (Methodology).

In accordance with the conclusion of the CBE, the Academy Council believes that the activities of the expert commission during evaluation of your institute demonstrated factual and procedural deficiencies, which could have had a negative impact on the evaluation process and the quality of the final report for your institute. The Academy Council also states that, as a result of these deficiencies, the evaluation carried out by field commission No. 32 – Chemical sciences did not provide a fully adequate portrayal of the institute's activities or formative feedback for its subsequent development.

The Academy Council will take these circumstances into consideration during the upcoming meeting of the representatives of the Academy Council and the managements of the institutes and during the preparation of the proposed financial support for individual institutes for the next period.

In conclusion, please allow me to thank you for your cooperation during the evaluation and wish you and your institute much success.

Yours sincerely,

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