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The President of BAS, Acad. N. Sabotinov

The Director of IC BAS, Prof. S. Rakovsky

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RE: Letter of support of the Institute of Catalysis in view of our long-term research collaboration.

Dear Sirs,

We have a long lasting and fruitful cooperation with the Institute of Catalysis, BAS in the field of nanomaterials for photochemical and photoelectrochemical purification processes. These investigations are important both in view of protection of the environment and improvement of the quality of life. We have run/are currently running two joint NATO projects, sponsored by the NATO "Science for Peace and Security" Programs (SfP 977986, 2002-2006, 250000 EUR and SfP 982835, 2008-2010, 300000 EUR) whereupon the results of our basic and applied research is being implemented in practical applications by a number Bulgarian industrial enterprises (AtaroClima, Presta Engineering Co.) and the National Defence Academy "G. S. Rakovski", acting as end-users in

the projects. The highly qualified and enthusiastic IC experts participating in the project have trained several PhD students and have been invaluable in achieving the scientific goals of the program as well as in its effective management. We would be glad to continue this cooperation in the future and we support the request of the Institute of Catalysis, BAS to remain a separate structural unit of the Academy in order to preserve its present timely and high quality thematic directions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Sotiropoulos', with a horizontal line underneath.

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