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**LETTER TO MR MOMIR ĐUROVIĆ  
PRESIDENT OF THE MONTENEGRIN  
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*Dear Mr President of the CANU,*

Due to the fact that I will not be in Montenegro, I am not in possibility to take part in the great international conference Technology + Society=?Future, organised by CANU under the auspices of the Government of Montenegro. This activity was also aimed at showing the respect towards this current, intriguing topic which preoccupies the modern world. Also, we wanted to show the respect towards the affirmed names of the European and the world's scientific minds that have shown appreciation to the Montenegrin Academy and Montenegro by attending the event. We especially appreciate the fact that this representative scientific event is organised in days when our state celebrates the first decade of its independence and renewal of it international recognition.

I certainly understand the dilemmas that you indicated in your invitation letter. Regardless of the fact that none of us today has the valid answers to them does not mean that we have to seek them on daily basis. Maybe the key is in reminding to the retrospective of the road passed. The development of the global society at the end of the last century was marked by the fast technological progress. The technology has become the key factor of the swift changes in all segments of the society. This swiftness precisely is the main characteristic of today's world which implies uncertainties, but also the hope for the better future. This is why the technological development and its impact to society and the future is a very inspiring subject. New findings in the world of science open the new development and application paths for the new technologies in the every-day life of a man. These are expected to improve the economic growth at the same time and to contribute to the wellbeing of people. Not to be fascinating but to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life and the overall progress of the society.

In order to understand the modern processes, the contemporary education is necessary above all. This is the only way that allows for keeping the pace with the development in science and technology and for understanding of its benefits for the individuals and the society as a whole. The education of the new generations of researchers and experts in science and technology is of the essential importance not only for understanding of the process but also for contribution to the modernisation of the technological development. The knowledge must be a base that is upgraded by the creativity and innovation, entrepreneurship spirit and the team work.

Our society needs the continuous enhancement of skills and knowledge in order to successfully plan and envisage the economic development trends which cherish the technology as a powerful and strong means of change for the better.

The state needs to have a role of a driver of the development processes in order to pave the roads towards a stronger application of new technologies with a view to smart growth and society development. I am pleased that the new generations have talent and show the interest for inclusion in the contemporary technological trends. According to the results achieved, we may hope that the future lies in sure hands. I find especially important that the scientific institutions such as the Academy, by communicating with the most relevant scientific addresses, create the conditions for keeping track with the contemporary global trends which helps us to consider our reality and anticipate the future that has already begun.

I believe that after this scientific gathering, we will be a step closer to finding the answers to this and other contemporary challenges.

I wish you a successful work, and a pleasant stay in Montenegro to the guests. I would like to extend the cordial regards to all participants of the international conference.