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Dear Presidents of the Spanish and Portuguese Academies,



Thank you for your email to President Juncker of 12 October, requesting a meeting to present a petition promoted by the European Academy of Science in support of 'Horizon Europe', to which he asked me to reply.

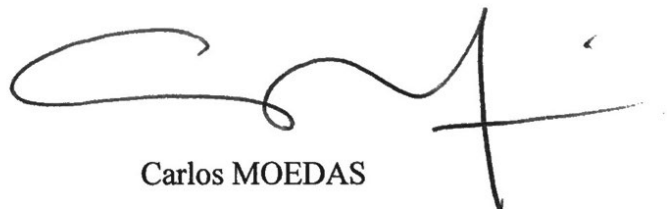
I welcome very much such initiative, that involves stakeholders in research and innovation, including esteemed academies and science and engineering bodies with which you have been working. I am fully in line with the messages in your petition on the support for research and innovation and its role in securing jobs, growth and our wellbeing.

I also support the need for a significant budget increase for Horizon Europe compared with Horizon 2020, as the Commission put forward in its proposal. To be successful in achieving such an increase will, however, require that stakeholders, including the public at large, are engaged in building awareness of the benefits of investing in research and innovation and continue to press the argument for this. I see your initiative precisely in this context. I believe that it is important to ensure that this support is part of a wider engagement with stakeholders of all types, supported by evidence and good examples of what we can achieve.

I will be glad to meet you on 03 December 2018 to receive on behalf of President Juncker a copy of the petition. My office will liaise with you in the following days concerning the logistics.

Thank you again for your initiative and support for the Horizon Europe proposal.

Yours sincerely,



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