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The knowledge developed by investments in research and in cooperation between and among researchers within the G7 countries has provided enormous benefits to the health and prosperity of our nations. Yet, there is so much that we take for granted in our daily lives and in our quality of life that would not exist if it were not for these scientific advances.

Indeed, the G7 countries have seen particular benefit from the investments in research, the mobility of researchers and the collaborations across borders that have accelerated discovery, knowledge creation and innovation. The continued and sustained commitment to investment by governments and the private sector have, at the core, been foundational to the economic and social development of G7 nations. Together, we have established a system of science based on transparency, meritocracy and openness that has provided the normative framework for science around the globe.

As democracies, it is critical that our nations continue to support academic freedom, institutional autonomy, the integrity of research, research security, and the responsible conduct of research in support of the public good.

We recognize that national circumstances often shape the approaches that countries take in pursuing both national science policy and international cooperation. We also recognize the central role of governments, universities, academies and civil society in standing up for principles that ensure that the scientific collaboration between and among our nations continues to be guided by a shared pursuit of knowledge to advance the public good.

As the science academies of the G7 we commit to strengthening our efforts in defense of the integrity of science and the science advice systems that are critical elements of free and democratic societies.

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