

Foreword by Yuri I. Manin

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

in these tragic times, once again overwhelmed by violence and helplessness of so many people in our global world, we must keep force and optimism, inherited from the Age of Enlightenment. The history of the twentieth century, right now renewing before us, made it difficult to defend such an optimism, but we must think about the next generation. So our duty is to educate our children and teach them to oppose the madness of political leaders, who are pulling us into the catastrophe of conflicts and wars.

Thank you for your participation in this virtual meeting, and let's hope that it will help all of us to remain strong and not to surrender.