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RE:

Review letter to the project „**Narodni centrum pro informacni podporu vyzkumu, vyvoje a inovaci**".

To whom it may concern:

PhDr. Pavel Dolecek

Deputy Minister

Research and Higher Education section

Ministry of Education Youth and Sports

Upon your recent request I have now read the whole document „**Narodni centrum pro informacni podporu vyzkumu, vyvoje a inovaci**" („**NCIP VaVaI**"), and it confirmed the favorable initial impression that I developed upon reading its two-page summary. It is a very well thought out and very substantial piece of work that addresses an urgent need in a sensible and appropriate way.

The transformation of the old publication model, in which publishers charged for journals but did not demand from authors a payment for publication, into the "open access" model, in which the opposite is true, is proceeding rapidly. It is high time to make sure that the Czech Republic is in a favorable position in the coming negotiations with publishers and not at a disadvantage, and the NCIP VaVaI document assures that. It describes a straightforward, efficient, and fiscally prudent solution of the eternal problem of securing access to scientific literature for all those active in research, development, and innovation anywhere in the country. At the same time, it organizes a mechanism for securing the necessary financial support for those who need to publish the results of their work. Finally, it adequately covers the need for consultation services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josef Michl".

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