

## **Statement on Immigration Policies of the United States**

During the past few weeks, we have viewed with concern the Administration's broad statements and interim policies regarding visas and other immigration programs. As our political leaders and the courts continue to consider the objectives and parameters of these programs, our members wish to underscore the importance of global collaborations when it comes to scholarship, research, and innovation.

The United States has long been a leader in science, education, and technology, thanks in part to the exchange of expertise across borders. We are proud that the United States has always been able to attract and retain the most talented scholars, students, and professional experts from around the world, a tradition that our member organizations support by publishing original research in a variety of complex fields and by providing information services on a global scale. We oppose policies that would discourage the best and the brightest minds from participating in the intellectual, economic, and cultural life of the United States, or that would limit the access of American researchers, educators, physicians, engineers, or other innovators to competitive markets abroad.

Although we live in complex times, we believe that the goals of maintaining our national security, improving our competitive position in the global economy, and maintaining and advancing our global scientific and technical strength are in fact synergistic. We hope the Administration will bear this in mind and do what is necessary to facilitate the work and travel of scholars, students, and professional experts.

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