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AAAS Statement on U.S. Withdrawal from UNESCO

“We are disappointed that the Trump administration has announced that it will withdraw the United States as a member from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Science is a global enterprise that knows no borders, and the United States had chosen, until recently, to actively participate in opportunities to enhance scientific exchange between countries and institutions. UNESCO works to facilitate international science collaboration – for example, data sharing that benefits global public health; and research infrastructure that requires multinational agreement like the SESAME synchrotron. The continued retrenchment of the U.S. administration from active participation in international diplomacy efforts and dialogue is deeply concerning to the scientific community.”

- Rush Holt, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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