

The Question of Autonomy: The critical relationships between academies, disciplinary bodies, unions and international scientific organisations, and the State

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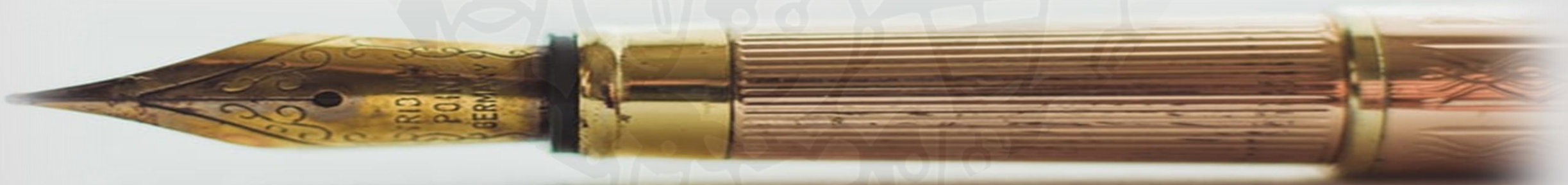
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1. How can academies of science **protect their independence** in the face of increasing state interference and other external pressures, to continue providing unbiased and reliable advice to public policy makers and society at large?
 2. How can governments and international organizations **collaborate effectively** to protect and promote the autonomy of science academies, thereby ensuring that they can fulfil their **crucial role** in informing important scientific issues and providing valid and ethically sound scientific policy advice, in the interest of **building sustainable societies** and **fostering public confidence** in science?
 3. What **concrete steps** can academies of science at the national and international levels take to resist and counteract state interference and other external pressures, thereby preserving their integrity and capacity to contribute effectively to evidence-based decision-making and the development of sustainable societies?


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