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European Federation of Cultural Heritage Organisations (Europa Nostra) has for almost a decade been advocating the safeguarding of the Allianoi ancient bath as a historical site of international value and the increasing of the touristic potential of this place. We regret to hear that the site is about to be obliterated thanks to recent manouvres for circumventing the adjudigations, in spite of

- the international standards for preservation
- the international regulations and covenants signed by Turkey
- the opinions of experts and NGOs sensible to preservation of heritage sites
- long –term interests of Turkey.

European Federation of Cultural Heritage Organisations, carrying on an internatonal campaign about Allianoi, stands against any act to destroy the area through fait accompli decisions based on unscientific opinions. Enclosed is a joint international appeal co-signed by Europa Nostra, EAA (European Association of Archaeologists), and ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites).

We wish our President to intervene this process heading toward a grave mistake and to prevent the destructive attempts that would get strong reactions from European circles and the rest of the world.

Sincerely,

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