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To the Rector of Lomonosov Moscow State University

Dear Sir,

In 2007, I gave my warmest support to those Russian students in sociology who protested against corruption and contempt towards real sociology in the Sociology Department of your University.

Since then, I have not changed my mind. This is why I was surprised when I recently discovered that a false letter, under my name and functions as President of International Sociological Association, was published on the website of the Sociology Department of MSU. I never sent any letter of congratulation, nor any kind of support to those responsible for a situation which I denounced two years ago, a situation which from my point of view has not significantly improved.

This is why I protest, and ask you immediately to :

- give full publicity to this letter, and first of all order its publication on the website of the department of sociology of MSU, and on the general website of your University,
- order to remove the illegal statement from the website-order an inquiry so that we know who committed this crime, and submit the authors to a disciplinary commission.

As you know, I respect Russian sociology and sociologists. I came last fall and gave a keynote address at the last Congress of the Russian Sociological Association, I have worked and made fieldwork in Russia, with wonderful Russian colleagues. By circulating a message falsely attributed to me, the authors and their accomplices exclude themselves from the international community of social scientists.

As a sociologist, but also on behalf of the ISA, I hope you will react so that the international reputation of your university does not suffer too much for this dirty and illegal action.

With my best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Wieviorka', written in a cursive style.

Michel WIEVIORKA  
President of the International Sociological Association