



THE ROYAL SOCIETY,

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LONDON, W.

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THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMIES.

DEAR SIR AND ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE,

The Royal Society has been consulted by His Majesty's Government as to the desirability of Great Britain taking part in an International Conference on Earthquakes which was proposed at an International Seismological Conference held at Strasburg, April, 1901, and towards the establishment of which the initial steps have been taken by the German Government.

The Royal Society being of opinion that the matter is one falling distinctly within the province of the Association of Academies, have desired me, as their delegate on the International Council, and also Chairman of that body, to ascertain so far as can be done, the views of the International Council as representing the constituent Academies, concerning the desirability of establishing the proposed International Enquiry. The expression of these views will greatly assist the Royal Society in deciding what advice to give to the British Government.

I enclose a copy of the resolution passed at the above-mentioned Conference, as well as a copy of draft Statutes suggested for the proposed Association.

I may venture to call your attention to the fact that, besides the National investigations carried out by Japan, Italy, Germany, Austria, and Russia, the British Association for the Advancement of Science, working by means of a Committee, and with the co-operation of His Majesty's Government, has carried out seismological observations since 1897 at thirty-six stations in various parts of the world. These observations may be spoken of as international in character.

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Yours very faithfully,

M. Foster

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