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Kulturminister og kirkeminister  
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Dear Minister,

The UIA-International Union of Architects was recently alerted by the Danish Association of Architects of the decision of the Danish Ministry of Culture to retract the Protected Status of the Vikingskibshal (Viking Ship Hall), Roskilde. Furthermore, we have been informed that the Museum management is now planning to have the building demolished and replaced by another.

The UIA Council maintains that the Viking Ship Hall is a unique representation of the Danish architectural canon and is internationally recognized as an eminent contribution to modern architecture. The demolition of the Viking Ship Hall would thereby signify a great cultural loss, both for Denmark and for the international architecture community.

We therefore urge you to consider preserving, restoring and improving the Hall, rather than demolishing it. Denmark has long been at the forefront of heritage conservation and restoration, and this presents a fine opportunity to once again set an example in this field.

We sincerely hope that you will find the means to safeguard this historic building that represents a milestone in architectural history.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Vonier', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Thomas **Vonier**, FAIA RIBA  
UIA President

cc. Ms. Tinna Damgaard-Sørensen, Director of the Vikingskibsmuseet  
Ms. Joy Mogensen, Mayor, President of the Vikingskibsmuseet  
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