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The Student Council of UCAM Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia wants to express before the highest Representative and Democratic Institution of the Will of the Citizens of the Region of Murcia, which is “our” Regional Assembly, the following:

We do not find any legal, social or political reason to impede the expansion that is necessary and essential for the students we represent. They are forced to live and train in conditions of shortage of physical space and discomfort, typical of another past time and another less developed place.

The Deputies of the Regional Assembly of Murcia perfectly know that UCAM has been training thousands of young people for more than twenty years, who are now prestigious professionals, as well as generating a strategic economic and employment growth for our Region and the well-being of Murcians.

It is public and notorious that this University, Murcian and Catholic, has among its students distinguished elite Olympic athletes who receive training from it, thus obtaining national and international recognition for this policy of aid to sport and its values.

There are thousands of young people from the five continents who have come to the Region of Murcia to complete their training. And thanks to UCAM they live among Murcians, they get to know our culture, our people and they know about the highest qualities that those who are lucky enough to live in this blessed Region enjoy.

Without a doubt, this whole project would be impossible without the enterprising spirit and determined character of our President, José Luis Mendoza. In 1996, thanks to his tenacity and faith, he decided to transform a ruined monastery in the middle of a fertile region and in disused military installations into the modern and current headquarters of the two Campuses of Murcia and Cartagena. Every year, new professionals graduate and they work now anywhere in the world with the seal, values and prestige of having completed their studies at UCAM Universidad Católica de Murcia.

Therefore, the so-called UCAM, Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia, is a work of “Public Interest”, which is a legal concept –included in articles 76.1 and 124.1 of the Spanish Constitution– and which refers to the connection between general interests, legality and the purposes that justify the action of the Administration by facilitating the public good of the administered society. In this case, the Regional Assembly has direct competence in the exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Spanish Constitution, the Statute of Autonomy of the Region of Murcia and other regulations of the legal system.

From this Student Council we could not understand –as citizens of the Region– that, by denying the natural and just expansion of UCAM, we would allow other cities, other regions, to benefit from the existence of a splendid project –that today is a tangible reality–, since UCAM would have to continue its unstoppable and undeniable expansion by establishing its headquarters outside the Region.

This is the will of UCAM students, voters and electors of the Deputies who represent us in this House, which is “our” Regional Assembly.

We expect from them justice, equity and an ambitious vision, for the good of the Region of Murcia.

Thank you. -