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**Letter of Support**

Dear Madam,

I (name, surname, title), representative of (name of your institution), hereby express my deepest concern over the situation in Slovenia where spending for culture in the next two-year budget has reached a level where the existence of many cultural organisations is endangered and their cultural programmes are doomed to extinction.

The recent situation where Miha Turšič is striking against the unsustainable conditions in the field of culture is alarming! We are deeply concerned about the health of our colleague and the situation with the extraordinary cultural venue, KSEVT, which he is fighting for. Our concerns go beyond the aforementioned case as we are also worried about our future collaborations with our Slovenian partners.

Our institution successfully collaborated with Slovenian partners so far and would like to collaborate also in the future. I am/We are deeply concerned about recent events in Slovenia and about budget spending on culture in the near future.

Having in mind the third demand of our colleague Miha Turšič, who is pleading the raise/return of cultural funding to 2% of state budget, we strongly support our Slovenian partners in their efforts to persuade decision makers to take the international collaborations of the cultural sector and their obligations seriously.

We sincerely believe that you should acknowledge the importance of the proper funding of culture, and do everything necessary for the positive resolution of the conditions that have driven our colleague to his hunger strike.

Sincerely,

(signature)