



Brussels, 20 March 2019

**To: All Members of the European Parliament**

**Final approval by the Parliament of the Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market.**

The International Federation of Actors (FIA), the International Federation of Musicians (FIM) and UNI – Media, Entertainment & Arts (UNI MEI) are the representative global trade union federations for workers in the media and entertainment sector, including audio and audiovisual performers, authors and co-authors. Together, they speak for tens of thousands of European professionals.

FIA, FIM and UNI MEI strongly **urge all members of the European Parliament, in the strongest possible terms, to give their final approval** next week to the compromise agreement reached at trilogue on the draft Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market, **as approved by the EP Legal Committee on February 26, 2019.**

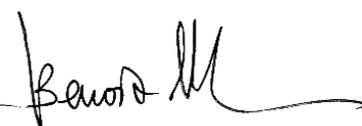
Chapter III of this Directive includes provisions that constitute a first, encouraging step in the right direction, as they seek to increase transparency on contractual relations and level up the remuneration initially agreed, often little more than symbolic, with subsequent revenues. Most importantly, this text - already approved by Council - establishes that the remuneration of authors and performers must be proportionate to the revenues generated by the exploitation of their work and that lump sum payments are to be the exception, rather than the rule.

Performers and authors have been advocating for more than a decade for normative measures to ease them out of precariousness and abusive contractual practices, denying them a fair share of the revenues generated by the exploitation of their work, including in the on-demand environment.

FIA, FIM and UNI MEI wish to stress how, at this late stage in the negotiation and after a very long legislative process, any attempt to depart from that compromise **may disrupt the whole normative process and cause irreparable damage.** We therefore urge all members of the European Parliament to resist the manifold attempts to undermine this hard-fought compromise and approve the draft Directive text, as approved by trilogue and JURI.

Yours sincerely,

  
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