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## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

In the light of recent political developments pertaining to the work and organization of the Croatian Audiovisual Centre (HAVC), the European Documentary Network (EDN) expresses its full support for the initiative "Puk'o nam je film" (Stand Up for Croatian Cinema) and the manifesto published by the Croatian Film Director's Guild, The Croatian Film Workers Association and the Croatian Producer's Association.

We have been promoting and developing the European documentary sector for more than 20 years and would like to underline that a functional film sector with a funding system that allows for cultural diversity and political independence is one of the cornerstones of our democratic societies in Europe. We strongly recommend to take into consideration the objections brought forth by Croatian filmmakers and to undertake the necessary steps to allow the HAVC to continue its work under conditions that ensure the flourishing and independence of the audiovisual landscape in Croatia.

We hope, and are confident, that appropriate measures will be taken; measures, that will ultimately take into account and resolve the issues addressed by Croatian film professionals in the manifesto of the "Puk'o nam je film" initiative. We would hereby also like to signal that EDN and its members, representing 60 countries throughout Europe and the world, will remain in close contact with the national organizations of film professionals in Croatia while fully supporting their case until a satisfactory solution has been reached.

Sincerely Yours,

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