



European Group of the International Federation of Actors
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EuroFIA resolution for the promotion of the status of the artist in Portugal

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EuroFIA gathers performers' trade unions in 23 EU countries, in the European Economic Area and in Switzerland and represents hundreds of thousands of professional performers working in film, television, theatre, dance, music, variety and other major fields of the cultural sector.

The European group of the International Federation of Actors (FIA), meeting in Ljubljana on November 24 and 25, 2006, wishes to express its concerns about the lack of decent working conditions and proper social protection for performers in Portugal, and the unwillingness of the Portuguese Government to acknowledge the specific "intermittent" nature of performers' work.

An important number of European Member States have already initiated legislative work on a professional status for performers, in order to adapt existing laws to the specific work patterns of the latter. Moreover, this issue is being addressed at European level, and work is being carried out based on the UNESCO Recommendation on the status of the artist.

Portuguese theatre has a strong potential for growth and performers in Portugal, like everywhere else, are key contributors to the promotion of national traditions and cultural values.

We therefore call on the Portuguese Government to acknowledge the specific nature of performers' work and the urgent need for social protection schemes (including a proper social security scheme) adapted to the intermittent nature of their work.

We fully support the struggle of performers and technicians in Portugal for a better status and we trust the Portuguese Government will address this issue without further delay.

We further call on the Portuguese Government to promote a Cultural Policy, including proper legislation on theatre and the live performance sector in general.

On behalf of EuroFIA,

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