

SUPPORT OF THE SAG-AFTRA TELEVISION/THEATRICAL/STREAMING STRIKE

WHEREAS the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP) has forced SAG-AFTRA out on strike since July 14, 2023, by refusing to negotiate in good faith a new contract addressing the legitimate concerns of more than 160 000 SAG-AFTRA members,

WHEREAS, their terms and conditions of employment have become unsustainable, with wages failing to keep pace with inflation and a residuals model significantly impacted by the emergence of streaming services, which have fundamentally altered the landscape of content production and distribution,

WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA members, like all workers globally, are also facing serious threats posed by the abusive and unfettered use of AI, exposing them to job displacements and the unwelcome prospect of having to compete against virtual copies of themselves and others, without any compensation, prompting them to wage an existential battle to retain control over how their work, image, likeness and other personal features may be used,

WHEREAS a very significant number of SAG-AFTRA members currently face unemployment and financial instability, due to the despicable attitude of the AMPTP, whose member companies successfully reap billions of dollars from the content provided by those same performers they are shamefully neglecting,

WHEREAS SAG-AFTRA is committed to raising standards in the film, television and streaming industry and establishing foundational and human-centric principles in a newly emerging technological landscape, thereby setting a significant precedent that will resonate across other industrial sectors as well,

WHEREAS the interim agreements signed by SAG-AFTRA with a myriad of independent producers and that reflect the proposals made by SAG-AFTRA to the AMPTP, prove that those terms are reasonable, practical and entirely acceptable,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that FIA and all its affiliates support SAG-AFTRA and its members for standing up strong against corporate greed, the attempt to undermine the value of human creativity and the legitimate right of every worker to earn a decent and living income from their professional endeavors,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that FIA and its member unions from around the world express unwavering solidarity with SAG-AFTRA and will continue to do everything possible, and for as long as necessary, to deter struck companies from attempting to circumvent the strike by seeking to engage talent in foreign jurisdictions.