

SOLIDARITY WITH DUBBING ARTISTS IN TURKEY

WHEREAS the extraordinary economic conditions and hyper-inflation that Turkey has experienced over the past two years have caused the earnings of nearly all dubbing artists to plummet, leading a considerable number of them to earn less than the minimum wage and live below the 'poverty threshold' as officially reported;

WHEREAS dubbing artists in Turkey work as self-employed individuals, responsible for covering their own tax and insurance and, in this dire scenario, their ability to sustain their livelihoods, let alone pursue their profession, is seriously jeopardized;

WHEREAS the rights of dubbing artists are, to some extent, safeguarded by a framework agreement entered into by the Actors' Union of Turkey (an affiliate of FIA) with dubbing studios, but regrettably, given the prevailing economic conditions, their wages have remained exceptionally low and are no longer sustainable;

WHEREAS all appeals made by the Actors' Union of Turkey to enhance minimum rates of dubbing artists and enhance their working conditions have consistently faced rejection over the past two years, leading to a profound sense of frustration among the Turkish dubbing artists' community;

WHEREAS Turkish dubbing artists will soon reiterate their appeal for essential and fair adjustments and rate increases in 2024, and that these measures are deemed crucial for enabling them to sustain both their livelihoods and their ability to work under decent conditions;

AND WHEREAS, should these legitimate requests be once again dismissed by the relevant parties, namely broadcasters/streamers and their studio associates, dubbing artists are resolute in their determination to advocate for their rights, including by availing themselves of their constitutional entitlement to withhold their labor, unless minimum and decent working conditions are set.

BE IT RESOLVED that the FIA Executive Committee, convening in Istanbul from September 27 to 30, 2023, acknowledges the rightful demands of Turkish dubbing artists and extends its unwavering support to them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FIA Executive Committee strongly encourages all FIA affiliates to stand in solidarity with Turkish dubbing artists during their present negotiations and any prospective future initiatives.