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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu
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Dear Prime Minister,

The French Writers Guild (La Guilde Française des Scénaristes) stands in solidarity with the Scriptwriters Guild of Israel (SGI) in their fight to preserve the Israel Public Broadcasting Corporation.

France was hosting the International Affiliation of Screenwriters Guilds (IAWG) general assembly this year, and screenwriters from around the world came up with the resolution stated down below:

We, screenwriters of many nations who gather here in Paris, stand in solidarity with creators throughout history who have taken on repression and censorship and spoken truth to power. We celebrate the courage of the artists of Charlie Hebdo who paid with their lives for sharing their vision with the world. It is the responsibility of screenwriters and all artists to create work that reflects the fact that the pen, the brush, the lens are all mightier than the sword.

Accordingly, we think it is our obligation as writers to stand up to those who would silence our voices. Your attempt to dismantle the public broadcaster threatens free speech. A democratic society requires a media free from political interference and government censorship. We join the call of our Israeli brothers and sisters to end the campaign to eliminate public broadcasting.

Sincerely,



Anne Rambach

President of La Guilde Française des Scénaristes