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**EUROPEAN GROUP OF THE
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ACTORS**

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE EUROPEAN GROUP OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ACTORS REGARDING THE ANTALYA FILM FESTIVAL

The European group of the International Federation of Actors brings together performers' unions, guilds and professional associations from across the EU, EFTA and neighbouring countries, representing tens of thousands of performers across Europe. It met in Warsaw on 27-28th September.

EuroFIA learned with great concern of the decision, in 2017, to cancel the "national feature-length film competition" section of the Antalya film festival, by way of the decision of the mayor of Antalya, without due consultation of the filmmakers, performers and people of Antalya. In addition, the group was informed that national short film and documentary film competition sections were also cancelled last year. Thus, the national character of the festival has been entirely removed.

Furthermore, the cancellation of the "national feature-length film competition" section of the festival also means the cancellation of the "Yıldırım Önal Memorial Award" given to an actor chosen by ÇASOD, every year since 1999. The Yıldırım Önal Memorial Award was the only award in Turkey honoring actors who achieved considerable success both in cinema and theater, thus carried great moral value for the actors of Turkey. It was also the only award given to actors in Turkey by an actors' organization."

EuroFIA considers this a severe blow to the Turkish film industry, which needs such national outlets to showcase, recognize and nurture the up and coming talent in the vibrant Turkish film sector. It is all the more shocking that the national part of the competition should be removed, given that the festival was entirely national in character for the first 42 years of its existence, up until 2005.

EuroFIA condemns the short-sighted decision to reduce the festival to the international competition. It further supports the boycott initiated by the film-makers, producers and actors of the cinema industry of Turkey, regarding the upcoming edition of the festival from the 21st and 27th October 2017.

We urge the local authorities to reconsider their decision and to reinstate this valued and important competition, which is of deep importance to the film industry in Turkey.

The International Federation of Actors represents performers' trade unions, guilds and professional associations in about 70 countries. In a connected world of content and entertainment, it stands for fair social, economic and moral rights for audiovisual performers working in all recorded media and live theatre.

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