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Declaration

The International Authors Forum (IAF) represents over 700,000 authors worldwide and campaigns for their interests. IAF members are organisations representing authors, such as artists societies, writers unions, audio-visual authors guilds and collecting societies. IAF provides authors with an international voice and advocates for the authors' role in society as creators of cultural diversity and drivers of creative industries.

The IAF expresses its support for l'Union des écrivaines et des écrivains Québécois (UNEQ) regarding amendments to Quebec's Status of the Artists legislation to obtain bargaining rights for writers and oblige publishers and producers to negotiate collective agreements with l'UNEQ.

Authors are often at a disadvantage when bargaining within the creative industries and measures such as this ensure the opportunity for fair remuneration for their contribution to culture.

Yours sincerely,

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