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### MOTION OF SUPPORT TO ROMANIAN ORCHESTRAS CHORUS AND BALLET PERFORMERS

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The Romanian Government has prepared a bill regarding the remuneration of public servants in Romania, which was submitted to the Parliament on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This bill revisits the existing classification and attached remuneration of civil servants.

Orchestra musicians and Chorus members who were so far classified under category 1 would be downgraded to category 3, while ballet dancers who are currently under category 2 would be downgraded to category 3.

Although current remunerations would not be immediately affected by this change, the career of musicians, dancers and chorus members would be severely hampered from 2022.

Trade unions delegates at the 4<sup>th</sup> FIM International Orchestra Conference, meeting in Montreal on 11-14 May 2017 firmly oppose this aspect of the Romanian Government bill. Indeed, it shows disrespect towards the work of musicians, dancers and chorus members who need many years of training and hard work to become skilled professionals and deliver top quality performances. Moreover, the new proposed classification introduces an unacceptable and incomprehensible discrimination towards musicians, dancers and chorus members, whereas actors and puppeteers remain rightfully classified under category 1.

Trade union delegates at the 4<sup>th</sup> FIM International Orchestra Conference call on the Romanian Parliament to amend the bill in such a way that musicians, dancers and chorus members remain attached to category 1 as the other artists.