

On the 16th March 2015

To  
the President of Greece Prokopis Pavlopoulos  
  
the Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras  
  
the Minister of Education, Religion and Culture Aristides Baltas  
  
the Deputy Minister of Culture Nikos Xydakis



With this letter we express our strong disapproval of the persecution due to political reasons of the Member of the Board of the U.T.E. and Artistic Director of the National Theatre of Greece, Sotiris Chatzakis by the newly appointed Deputy Minister of Culture of the Greek government.

Ignoring objective evidence of the success of the National Theatre, the Deputy Minister of Culture demands the resignation of our member without any reason. In that way, the basic freedoms and the unaffected expression of a Greek artist are bludgeoned.

Art should be free of any kind of political parties, apparatus and the alternation of power mechanisms.

The unjust and undue governmental interference does not benefit by any mean the free and creative European thought.

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