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Dear Rektor Upor

Please accept CILECT's support as Színház-es Filmművészeti Egyetem faces a new and significant challenge. We have observed with grave concern recent developments as your institution has been moved by decree from the oversight of the Ministry of Innovation and Technology into the control of a Public Interest Foundation. The speed with which this has happened and the apparent lack of consultation with SzFE leadership, administrators, students, and academic staff is particularly troubling.

CILECT is the only global association of cinema, audiovisual and media institutions, and Színház-es Filmművészeti Egyetem is one of its oldest members, having joined in 1956, just two years after the association was formed. For sixty-four years SzFE has consistently delivered the highest quality of film education, which is evidenced by the success of SzFE's staff and students, who serve deep cinematic traditions while contributing to continual innovation in the screen arts. This is possible because of the university's long history and the consistent commitment of succeeding iterations of the Senate to both continuity and evolution.

Creative and intellectual freedom and independence are crucial in all arts education, and especially within the screen arts, which impact every aspect of contemporary life. Freedom and independence can only be guaranteed by institutional autonomy. We strongly support and endorse the efforts of the SzFE Senate, academic staff, students, and connected professional communities in their efforts to maintain that autonomy.

Sincerely

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