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Dear David and Lowell,

The members of the International Affiliation of Writers Guilds, representing approximately 50,000 film and television writers worldwide, stand with our brothers and sisters in the Writers Guild of America in support of your negotiations with the Association of Talent Agents and the implementation of an Agency Code of Conduct, should the WGA Artists' Manager Basic Agreement (AMBA) expire without a deal on April 7.

We would like to remind the agencies, who earn commissions from a global client base that includes many dual WGA members, that we are paying close attention to this dispute. The international community of creators expect their agents to work for them, to represent and promote their best interests above all else. We strongly agree with the WGA position that, in order for agencies to ethically represent our members, every dollar they make must be generated as a percentage of the money they negotiate on our members' behalf.

Given our commitments as signatories to the Affiliation Agreement of the International Affiliation of Writers Guilds (the Affiliation Agreement), the purpose and extent of which includes: the promotion of fair dealings and the cultivation of unity of action and understanding among members of the Member Guilds; to correct abuses to which they may be subject; to do any and all things necessary, desirable and proper to promote the welfare and interests of the members of the Member Guilds; and to bring about harmonious and concerted action by its members in such respects, we submit the following resolution:



Be it resolved that:

In the spirit of Article 4B of the Affiliation Agreement whereby, “to the extent practicable, each Guild shall adopt uniform codes of working rules and bring existing codes into uniformity”:

We resolve to inform our members of a lapsed WGA Artists’ Manager Basic Agreement (AMBA), educate them on the underlying issues of the dispute, the adoption of an Agency Code of Conduct, and the list of non-signatory agents;

We further resolve to encourage our dual members to ensure their agents adhere to the Agency Code of Conduct, and recommend all writers reject agency-based studios, the unethical practice of packaging fees, and to request their agents also sign onto the Code of Conduct.

### **Motion to Adopt the Resolution**

Moved by: Writers Guild of Canada (Dennis Heaton, President)

Seconded by: New Zealand Writers Guild (Alice Shearman, Executive Director)

Those in Favor:

La Guilde Française des Scénaristes, France  
Screenwriters Association, India  
Scriptwriters Guild of Israel  
Société des auteurs de radio, télévision et cinéma, Québec  
Verband Deutscher Drehbuchautoren, Germany  
Writers Guild of America, East  
Writers Guild of America, West  
Writers Guild of Canada  
Writers Guild of Great Britain  
Writers Guild of Ireland  
Writers Guild of South Africa

### **Motion Carried Unanimously**