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IATSE - Solidarity Statement in support of NFADE and ARTEE

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States, Its Territories and Canada (IATSE) is an affiliated member of the Media, Entertainment & Arts sector of UNI Global Union and wholeheartedly supports NFADE, UNI affiliate ARTEE and all workers at All India Radio & Doordarshan in their struggle for sustainable funding and better working conditions.

IATSE also shares the concerns expressed by our colleagues that under the present Broadcasting Act, Prasar Bharati is financially not viable to cater to the needs of the nation as the National & Public Service Broadcaster.

The IATSE and its 400 local union affiliates throughout the United States and Canada, representing nearly 115,000 workers in the entertainment industry, joins with UNI MEI and its 140 unions and guilds representing 300 000 workers in over 70 countries in the media, entertainment and arts, and supports the demand of NFADE expressed in the resolution of 4 November 2010 calling on the Indian government to repeal Prasar Bharati Act 1990 and take necessary steps to strengthen All India Radio & Doordarshan.

The IATSE supports the 48-hour boycott from 23 to 25 November 2010 and the actions that NFADE and its member organisations are currently carrying out. We call on the Indian government to enter into a dialogue with our affiliate over the future All India Radio & Doordarshan.

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