

Solidarity Statement in support of NFADE and ARTEE

This meeting of the UNI MEI World Executive Committee, Tokyo, 16 November 2010 expresses its solidarity and support for NFADE, UNI affiliate ARTEE and all workers at All India Radio & Doordarshan in their struggle for sustainable funding and better working conditions.

We share 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.

UNI MEI and its 140 unions and guilds representing 300 000 workers in over 70 countries in the media, entertainment and arts 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.

We support the 48 hours boycott from 23 to 25 November 2010 and the actions 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.