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Concern about the current attacks on culture and freedom of expression in Brazil

The Executive Committee of the International Theatre Institute at their meeting in Ljubljana/Slovenia, 3 to 5 June 2016, made the following statement:

“The International Theatre Institute, World Organization for the Performing Arts, is very concerned about the attacks on culture and freedom of expression in Brazil. The provisional government is closing down or totally restructuring the ministries of culture, of women’s rights and of racial equivalence.

There are extreme cuts in the resources for culture and social programs.

Artists in Brazil are leading the protests and many prominent directors and actors have expressed their great worries over the situation.

We want to express our deep concern for the limitations in the artistic freedom and our support for our colleagues and all the artists. They prove that culture is an important weapon in the fight for democracy and freedom.

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