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UNI Global Union Mrs. Christy Hofmann General Secretary

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Dear Mrs. Hofmann,

I was warned about the recent letter written and sent to you by the SDS parliamentary group regarding my alleged incompetence of managing the Slovenian public service media RTV Slovenia. Since there is a lot of inaccuracy in it, I consider it my duty to point out a few completely false statements, so that you will then be able to judge the intent of the proponents in interpreting other statements as well:

- 1. RTV Slovenia has never had any debts or outstanding liabilities under my leadership since April 2017!
- 2. The management fulfilled all the logical decisions made by the Programming Council and the Supervisory Board! Until this year, when the epidemic made it impossible to adopt the Financial Plan, we had both the Program Production Plan and the Financial plan accepted. We also always had audited accounts closed. This means that we have always ensured the rational and transparent use of funds! Furthermore, this is also evidenced by publicly published reports and plans. Thus, the claim that the Supervisory Board "has been pointing out irregularities in the management of RTVS for several years" is completely twisted.
- 3. The proposal for systematization was submitted to the process of negotiation and coordination within the representative trade unions and the workers council. It is obviously something that is not extremely important for the operation of the system itself, because no one even remembers when it was supposed to be adopted.
- 4. I can prove with written statement by the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (CCP) that they did not find any controversial conduct, except at the very beginning of my mandate, when I received a reprimand because I was not aware of the fact that being a member of the Board of the Slovenian Film Centre is considered as being connected with the other members of the same board, whether you collaborate with them or not. However, members of the parliamentary group should know that.

I would not go any further into the statements from the Report of the Supervisory Board, because it was compiled by the Chairman of the Supervisory Board, who was very active in the first attempt of my dismissal and had then, and now, the ambition of taking the position of Acting General Manager. The most important fact is that both the Committee on Culture and the Commission for the Supervision of Public Finances didn't find any significant irregularities in the operation of RTV Slovenia.

It could be that the role and ambition of Mr. Andrej Grah Whatmough in the persistent efforts for my replacement also led to the recent proposal of other members to replace the Chairman of the Supervisory Board. But that is just my guess.

I have mentioned only a few points in response to these inaccurate and defamatory statements. Unfortunately this kind of rhetoric, using false statements and imputations in order to achieve some political goals, is something that we have recently witnessed in abundance, especially from these parties or circles near it.

Best Regards,

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