



Mr Boyko Borissov
The Prime Minister
Republic of Bulgaria

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Dear Prime Minister,

It is with deep concern that FERA has heard of your Government's apparent rejection of the Bulgarian Film Agreements of December 2010.

These were notable for their creation of a new national strategy for Film Funding in line with the best EU practice, and for the involvement of the film making community in their execution. Above all they committed Bulgaria to a steady flow of films to be produced annually. On such stability fine achievements can be built.

The recent impressive performance of Bulgarian Cinema has been of great interest to EU film makers, and must have been a source of pride to your Government and to all Bulgarians. What a shame then to endanger it so soon.

FERA represents the film directors of 27 European countries. Many of these are going through economic difficulties similar to yours. In every case the best solution has been the one that succeeds in keeping levels of film funding high enough to sustain activity until better economic times return.

We ask you, dear Prime Minister, to order a change of course, to reinstate the Film Industry Act which is so important for Bulgarian cinema, and to keep film funding separate and secure in order to sustain the modest minimum of 7 films which was agreed.

The recent fine renaissance of Bulgarian cinema, which does your country so much credit, could easily be wiped out. Once it has gone, it will be so much harder to recreate.

Yours sincerely,

Sincerely,

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