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To Director General of International Theatre Institute (ITI)
and to all members of ITI

Letter of Solicitude and Support from Shanghai Theatre Academy

Dear Mr. Tobias Biancone,

In recent days, many countries across the world have been greatly affected by the spread of COVID-19. On behalf of Shanghai Theatre Academy, I would like to express our sincere concerns, very best wishes and support to you, to Ms. Chen Zhongwen, Deputy Director of ITI and all members of ITI.

International Theatre Institute and Shanghai Theatre Academy have forged a strong bond since 2015 when we made joint efforts to relocate the headquarters of ITI to city of Shanghai. Since then, we were engaged in many cooperative projects for International cultural exchange and have supported each other when in need. It is still fresh in our mind that when China was at the difficult time of COVID-19 outbreak, the Executive Council and General Secretariat of ITI gave their solicitude, encouragement and support to China and Chinese people through letter and video. We are deeply thankful for that. As this disease has become a pandemic, Shanghai Theatre Academy has paid close attention to the situations abroad, especially in Switzerland and France. We are anxiously concerned about the safety and health of Mr. Tobias, Ms. Chen Zhongwen and all members of ITI.

When the disease spreads, we can feel how relevant to everyone in the world to fight against the disease together for a shared future. STA would like to give ITI our help the best we can and support as always. We will stand together, heart to heart. When this pandemic comes to an end, STA will continue to cooperate with ITI based on sincerity, real results, friendship, respect and trust, and promote friendship and understanding among people across the world through art practices.

We believe people will achieve full success in this fight at the end through joint efforts and international cooperations. If ITI encounters any difficulties during the outbreak, please feel free to contact STA for assistance. We hereby wish all our friends from ITI very good health and Shanghai Theatre Academy is with you as always!

Yours Sincerely,

XIE Wei

Chairman of Shanghai Theatre Academy