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Prime Minister Dr Miro Cerar  
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Dear Dr Cerar,

we hereby express our deepest concern over the situation in Slovenia, where spending for culture in the next two-year budget has reached a level where the existence of many cultural organisations and their culture programmes are seriously endangered. Slovenian cultural players and organisations have an important voice in the European space, and are key elements in your country's connections, integration, and sustainable social and economic development.

Slovenia has gained its independence only in 1991. Until then, it had been thanks to its culture that the Slovenian language and the national identity were able to survive. This culture that has preserved Slovenia as a nation is now being neglected and pushed to the verge of survival. Cultural infrastructure is easy to dismantle and destroy and takes a long time to rebuild.

Therefore, while understanding that financial challenges call upon efforts from all fields of society, we call upon you to reconsider this political decision to cut the culture budget in a disproportionate manner. In these cuts, Slovenian museums face an intolerable situation. They are faced with an unbalanced decrease of already small state budget funds earmarked for cultural heritage.

NEMO, the Network of European Museum Organisations, gathers national museum organisations representing the museum community of the member states of the Council of Europe. Together, NEMO's members speak for over 30.000 museums across Europe. The network shares the Slovenian Museums Association's concern about the future functioning of the Slovenian Museum landscape if the importance of proper funding of culture is not acknowledged and supported.

On behalf of the executive board of NEMO

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Chair