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## **THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF CINEMAS (UNIC) ELECTS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Barcelona: 21 June 2022 – The General Assembly of the The International Union of Cinemas (UNIC), the trade association representing cinema operators and their national associations across 39 European territories, today elected a new Board to serve the organisation for the next two years.**

The decision – made during CineEurope, UNIC’s official convention in Barcelona – saw Phil Clapp, CEO of the UK Cinema Association, re-appointed as President and other key Board positions confirmed.

Commenting on his re-election, Phil Clapp said:

“I would like to warmly thank UNIC’s members for their renewed confidence in both myself and my fellow Board members. It remains both an honour and a privilege to support the organisation in its efforts to continue to provide a strong and influential voice for the European cinema sector, which is now more important than ever.

I very much look forward to working alongside fellow Board members, the wider UNIC membership and the UNIC team to ensure that European cinema exhibition continues to flourish – both at home and on the global stage.”

As well as the President, the UNIC Board of Directors, elected for a two-year term, is:

- Senior Vice President and Treasurer: Jaime Tarrazón, Delegate of the Federación de Cines de España (ES)
- Vice President: Richard Patry, President of the Fédération Nationale des Cinémas Français (FR)
- Vice President: Edna Epelbaum, President of the Association Cinématographique Suisse (CH)
- Vice President: Mario Lorini, President of the Associazione Nazionale Esercenti Cinema (IT)
- Vice President: Tomasz Jagiello, CEO of Helios and Member of the Polish Cinema Association (PL)
- Vice President: Christine Berg, Head of HDF Kino (DE)
- Observer: Thierry Laermans, General Secretary of the Fédération des Cinémas de Belgique (BE)

### **Notes for editors**

The Union Internationale des Cinémas/International Union of Cinemas (UNIC) represents the interests of cinema trade associations and cinema operators covering 39 countries in Europe and neighbouring regions.

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