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To the South African Government, the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The Covid pandemic has been hitting hard throughout the world. No news in that statement. However, there are great differences between regions and professions. Bad news has reached us regarding the situation of artists in South-Africa. Therefore we, the board of Assitej Belgium, would like to make the following statement by expressing our deepest concerns regarding our South-African colleagues/artists:

ASSITEJ BELGIUM stands in solidarity with South African artists and creative practitioners who are demanding accountability and transparency with regards to relief funding for the arts. We call on the South African government, the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture, and the National Arts Council of South Africa to create an enabling environment for the arts and culture sector in South Africa during this time of global crisis, and to provide much-needed relief to the artists and creative and cultural practitioners who have been dealt a double blow, by COVID and then by the organisations that were designed to support the sector.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Yannick Boudeau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Yannick Boudeau
President of Assitej Belgium