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The following message is from the members of the EBU News Committee, elected by the members of the News Assembly. Please note that it is not an expression of any opinion of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU)

The News Committee of the EBU requests TVE to reconsider its decision to withdraw Asun Gomez Bueno from her role as Chair of the News Assembly and Chair of the News Committee before the end of her term. The Chair of the News Assembly is elected by all EBU Member organizations, and as such has a key role in the democratic structure of the EBU.

We have worked very closely with Asun for more than two decades. In every position she held she always showed the highest professionalism, integrity and commitment.

We believe that the decision of TVE management harms both the work of the News Committee and the spirit of solidarity within the EBU. We trust that this is not the intention of TVE, who have shown a longstanding commitment to the values and principles of the EBU. We ask you to re-consider this decision, and to allow Asun Gomez Bueno to complete her elected term as Chair of the News Assembly. The committee also requests the EBU Director General to discuss this matter urgently with the Director General of TVE

Respectfully,

On behalf of the News Committee

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