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## **The Legislator**

Republic of Argentina.

Dear Legislators,

### **ON ATTACKING PUBLIC MEDIA IN REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA**

We are writing to your good persons and officers on behalf of our great union Radio, Television, Theatre and Arts Workers Union of Nigeria (RATTAWU), which represents workers in the Broadcast and Cultural Sectors of Nigeria's economy, to express our alarm and concern that the government of the Republic of Argentina has negatively intervened in the management of the Public Media Companies (Canal 7 and the Educational Channels Encuentro, Paka Paka and Depor TV), with the aim of privatising, emptying and/or destroying them.

Delegating public communication to the market will result in the emptying of spaces that guarantee the diversity of cultural expression and fundamentally, the right to reliable information. Public media are fundamental to guarantee information pluralism, cultural diversity and the strengthening of democracy. Moreover, they represent a fundamental and indispensable tool in democratic societies. No developed country in the world lacks a public media system.

As the union with the largest members in the Broadcast and Cultural Sectors, RATTAWU knows the importance of the private media. It goes without the need to over flug the issue at hand; the world knows that the public media is the proverbial oxygen of democracy. Therefore, no one should temper with it.

The world is watching closely the evolution of this attack on public communication and the important role that the Congress of the Republic of Argentina is playing at this juncture. We stand in solidarity with, support, and accompany SATSAID and the workers of the Public Media of Argentina, and ask you to do everything in your power to prevent the government from moving forward with these policies that are so harmful to the Argentinean people.

*Yours Faithfully,*

  
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