

JOINT STATEMENT
ON THE GLOBAL FILM AND AUDIOVISUAL INDUSTRY FINANCING
COOPERATION INITIATIVE

“Lumière Partnership”

Lumière Summit — Saint-Paul-de-Vence, 7 September 2026

Adopted by France and the Republic of Korea

The President of the Republic of Korea and the President of the French Republic reaffirmed their shared views that the diversity of cultural expressions and the freedom to create are common assets of humanity, and that a dynamic and sustainable film and audiovisual industry ecosystem is a critical foundation supporting these important values.

Building on this shared understanding, the two leaders set out a common vision for a brighter future of the global film and audiovisual industry, drawing on the respective creative capabilities, investment bases, and international networks of the Republic of Korea and the French Republic. They further shared the conviction that cooperation between the two countries could serve as a new starting point for broadening the horizons of international cooperation in the field.

Guided by this shared aspiration and building on financial contributions by each side to their respective film and audiovisual industries, the two leaders agreed to launch the Global Film and Audiovisual Industry Financing Cooperation Initiative (hereinafter referred to as the “Lumière Partnership”), with flexible financial cooperation as its core mechanism, and to work together to encourage the participation of like-minded countries and institutions.

In this spirit, the two leaders set financial contribution targets of EUR 500 million (approximately KRW 800 billion) each for their respective film and audiovisual industries over the next five years, amounting to a combined target of EUR 1 billion, and expressed their commitment to achieving these targets. They further agreed that the Lumière Partnership would contribute to promoting co-production and joint investment between the two countries. The two leaders also recognized the need to establish a steering committee comprising relevant institutions of both countries to discuss and support cooperation relating to the implementation of the Initiative.

The President of the Republic of Korea and the President of the French Republic expressed their readiness to build on the Lumière Partnership established on the occasion of the Lumière Summit to foster international solidarity and multi-stakeholder cooperation for the future of the global film and audiovisual industry. They also reaffirmed their commitment to encouraging the participation of other countries and institutions in the Lumière Partnership in the future.

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