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Dear Youssef,

I would like to thank you for your response to my letter dated Nov 21st. The IMAA strongly supports the Canada Council's position in strictly supporting independent media art works in addition to the current program guidelines and how they are articulated. It was helpful to receive additional information from your part, and the IMAA board supports your decision to defend the Canada Council's position relative to the way it defines "independent".

At this point in time it makes sense to continue along this path of "intensity" versus "growth" and the IMAA will continue to have the conversation with its members about what is "independent" today and how it fits into the whole media art ecology and economy.

I look forward to meeting with you in the new year.

Happy holidays to all the hard working Canada Council staff. I hope you have a relaxing, well deserved break!

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