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SERIES OF EVENTS "WE NEED TO TALK! ART – FREEDOM – SOLIDARITY" SUSPENDED

documenta has decided, in consultation with various participants, to suspend the series of events planned for May 8, 15, and 22, 2022, *We need to talk! Art – Freedom – Solidarity*.

documenta will open the exhibition and first let it speak for itself, as a basis for continuing the discussion in a productive manner. At this moment, documenta's intended goal for the series of talks — to open a multi-perspective dialogue beyond institutional frameworks in the run-up to documenta fifteen — is unfortunately not realizable. It is important to documenta that the thread of this conversation not be cut off. documenta hopes to build on the existing approach to this discussion on site in Kassel during documenta fifteen. This will also provide an opportunity to address concerns that have been publicly expressed in recent days.

documenta would like to thank the panelists for their willingness to participate in the planned series of events *We need to talk! Art – Freedom – Solidarity*.

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