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WORLD BODY IN UTZON DISPUTE

The International Union of Architects has asked the NSW Government for information on the Sydney Opera House dispute.

The union's general secretary, Mr Pierre Vago, writing from Paris, said distinguished architects and professional groups were extremely worried over developments in the Opera House project.

The replacement of the Opera House designer, Mr Joern Utzon; by a panel of architects was a very grave decision which had deeply moved architects in every country.

Although IUA rules provided for the union to intervene in a dispute following a contest it had

approved, neither the NSW Government nor Mr Utzon had put any statement before it.

"You will greatly oblige us by setting out your position regarding the matter so that an objective dossier may be brought forward to the IUA International Contests Committee which meets in Stuttgart next month," Mr Vago wrote.

The president of the NSW Chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, Mr R. A. Gilling, said in Sydney yesterday that the IUA had made no approach to the chapter for information on the dispute.