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Community Priority Evaluation Panel, Economist Intelligence Unit  
Cc: Constantine Roussos, DotMusic Founder

## **Re: Support for DotMusic's .MUSIC Community Application**

Dear ICANN and Economist Intelligence Unit ("EIU"):

Please accept this of Letter of Support for the community-based DotMusic Application (ID 1-1115-14110)<sup>1</sup> for the .MUSIC top-level domain. This Letter also rejects the notion that there is no music community. In fact, this global music community initiative to launch a trusted, safe and secure .MUSIC domain (that protects intellectual property and the rights of musicians) is supported by organizations with members representing over 95% of music consumed globally.<sup>2</sup>

THE INTERNATIONAL ARTIST ORGANISATION

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ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL ARTIST ORGANISATION (IAO):

[www.iaomusic.org](http://www.iaomusic.org):

The IAO is the umbrella association for national organisations representing the rights and interests of Featured Artists in the Music Industry.

Our principal interests are transparency, the protection of intellectual property and a fair reflection of the value an artist's work generates.

The IAO is a not-for-profit organisation based in Paris that was officially founded in 2015 by its six founder-members: FAC (UK), GAM (France), CoArtis (Spain), Domus (Germany), Gramart (Norway) and FACIR (Belgium).

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://gtldresult.icann.org/application-result/applicationstatus/applicationdetails/1392>

<sup>2</sup> See <http://music.us/supporters> and <https://gtldresult.icann.org/applicationstatus/applicationdetails/downloadattachment/142588?t:ac=1392>