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

Re: Support for .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)¹ 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 organisations with members representing over 95% of music consumed globally,² including the International Artist Organisation,³ an umbrella association for national organisations mainly dedicated to the global music community by representing the rights and interests of music artists.

I wish also to state, that I truly believe if DotMusic don’t win this application, ICANN and EIU will be setting back the world’s chances of a Fair Trade Music Industry by many years.

Hal Ritson

Further Reading:

Some information about myself
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hal_Ritson

One of my current projects
<http://www.theyoungpunx.com/site/>

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

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

³ <http://www.iaomusic.org>. See International Artist Organisation (IAO) letter to ICANN at <http://music.us/letters/IAO.pdf>