# APPENDIX F UIA LETTERS OF SUPPORT

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11th of May 2002

Union of International Associations 40 rue Washington B-1050 Brussels Belgium

#### Re: Expression of Support in UIA Bid for dot org Reassignment

ABECE (Belgian Association of Eco-Counsellors) submits this letter to express its support for the Union of International Associations ("UIA") in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

The Belgian Association of Eco-counsellors (ABECE) is a non-profit association bringing together environmental professionals working as advisers for local authorities and sectorial federations of professional and educational institutions, and helping shape regional and local environmental policies.

We firmly believe that UIA has the necessary stability, leadership and credibility to represent the divergent interests of the global noncommercial community. We align ourselves with UIA because of its ability to articulate a commonly held vision and believe it can fulfill that vision by enabling the global noncommercial community to communicate efficiently and effectively through the use of world-class Internet services. Those services include tools beneficial to both registrants and end-users of the .org top-level domain, for example services that:

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We anticipate becoming involved in some capacity to help UIA define and pursue the principles, policies and activities that will best serve the interests of the global noncommercial community. We have been unable to make any formal commitments in this regard within the tight proposal timetable established by ICANN. Nevertheless, it is our hope that ICANN will consider our informal expression of interest and support in evaluating UIA's proposal.

Thank you for your consideration. Yours faithfully,

Marcel van Meesche Member of the Board - ABECE



Development Alternatives 32 Tara Crescent New Delhi – 110 016

12 June 2002

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers 4676 Admiralty Way, Suite 330 Marina del Rey, CA 90292 USA

Re: Expression of Interest in UIA Participation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Development Alternatives submits this letter to express its interest in supporting the Union of International Associations ("UIA") in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

Development Alternatives has, over the past 20 years, established a worldwide reputation for its work in the field of information technology, particularly as they relate to the issues of sustainable development. Development Alternatives and its associate organisations operate as not-for-profit entities with activities that range from research and policy advocacy to grass roots action. Its information systems, including DAInet and TARAhaat (reachable at <a href="https://www.dainet.org">www.dainet.org</a> and <a href="https://www.tarahaat.com">www.tarahaat.com</a>) are among the premier resources on technology and institutional design for Third World development.

We believe that the .org domain should be managed by an international, nonprofit organization with a depth of experience over many years in understanding and interacting with the global civil society.

We believe that the UIA is developing a vision that will provide users of the lorg domain with the stability and non profit leadership necessary to guide the evolution of the lorg domain going forward. The UIA's fundamental mission over the decades has been to understand and profile the global network of civil society bodies and their interests from an unbiased perspective. As such, UIA possesses the necessary leadership and trust to fairly represent the interests of such a diverse group, and actively tracks the development of more than 40,000 such organizations around the world.

We share UIA's vision for the .org top-level domain, and believe that the UIA through its stewardship can assist the global noncommercial community to communicate efficiently and effectively through the use of world-class Internet services. Those services include tools beneficial to both registrants and endusers of the .org top-level domain, including services that:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

Ashok Khosla

President, Development Alternatives

and Member, UIA



11 June 2002

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Earth Pledge Foundation submits this letter to express its interest in supporting the Union of International Associations ("UIA") in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

The Earth Pledge Foundation is a nonprofit organization that originated as a United Nations committee chaired by Theodore W. Kheel to promote interest in the 1992 Rio Earth Summit. Our primary approach is to develop creative educational projects and bring together leading voices to foster sustainable solutions that are useful to professionals and the public.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marisha Shibuya

**Project Director** 

theodore w. kheel president

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#### [LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR UIA]

Brussels, 12 June 2002

Union of International Associations 40 rue Washington B-1050 Brussels Belgium

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EPE (European Partner for the Environment) submits this letter to express its support for the Union of International Associations ("UIA") in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

EPE is a multi-stakeholder forum, which builds the ground for consensus on sustainability, on which members can more confidently plan actions. EPE serves as a catalyst, in Europe and around the world, to achieve into the future a better balance between the environmental, social and economic elements of life. Dialogue built through long-term relationships between partners and strengthened by trust leads to common practical action.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Withfully,

Raymond Van Ermen EPE Executive Director



# European Society for Environment and Development

11 June 2002

Union of International Associations 40 rue Washington B-1050 Brussels

Dear Madam, Sir,

# Re: Expression of Support in UIA Bid for dot org Reassignment

The European Society for Environment and Development (ESED) submits this letter to express its support for the Union of International Associations ("UIA") in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

ESED is an international NGO under Belgian law, drawing membership from distinguished environmental practitioners who are seeking new conceptual balances between economic development and environmental protection. It was founded under the name of IAEC in 1976 and organized over the years not less than 36 international conferences in the E.U. and USA.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Mark DUBRULLE

President



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# GLOBAL ACTION PLAN"

2002-06-12

Union of International Associations 40 rue Washington B-1050 Brussels Belgium

Re: Expression of Support in UIA Bid for dot org Reassignment

Föreningen Global Action Plan submits this letter to express its support for the Union of International Associations ("UIA") in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

Global Action Plan is part of an international community of NGOs with the aim of a sustainable society through the empowerment of individuals to create behaviour change.

We firmly believe that UIA has all the necessary attributs to represent the divergent interests of the global noncommercial community of which we are a part. We support the UIA's bid as we believe that they can provide the world-wide NGO community to communicate efficiently and effectively through the use of world-class Internet services. Those services include tools beneficial to both registrants and end-users of the .org top-level domain, for example services that:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Alexander Mehlmann

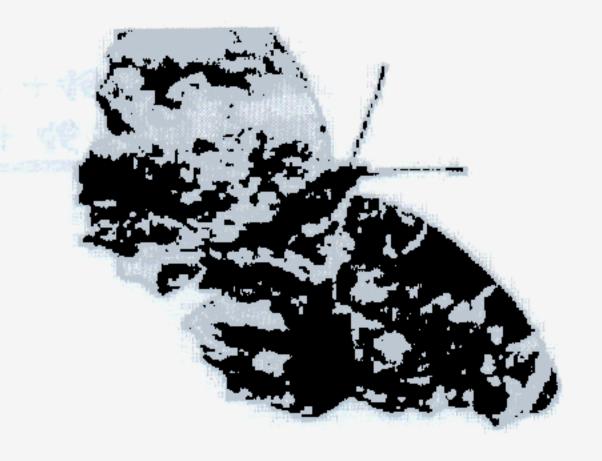
Director

Föreningen Global Action Plan

# 11/6/2002

Union of International Associations 40 rue Washington B-1050 Brussels Belgium

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The Global Ecovillage Network of Europe (GEN-Europe) submits this letter to express its support for the Union of International Associations ("UIA") in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

GEN-Europe is the European ecovillage association promoting environmental protection and restoration of nature through the concept of ecovillages as models for sustainable human settlements. We actively support the development of ecovillages and networks in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. GEN-Europe forms part of GEN International, an NGO with special consultative status at the UN-Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) commission, and a partner of United Nations Institute for Training and Research, UNITAR.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Ms. Agaioszka Komocholka

President of GEN-Europe

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#### GIVE Forschungsgesellschaft – GIVE Research Association (GLOBALLY INTEGRATED VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT) Labor für Globale Dörfer – Laboratory for Global Villages

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Union of International Associations 40 rue Washington B-1050 Brussels Belgium

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GIVE Research Association submits this letter to express its support for the Union of International Associations ("UIA") in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

The GIVE Research Association is promoting interdisciplinary research between the field of telematics with issues of social and spatial development. This research is catalysed by the quest for feesible and attractive models of local economies, biospheres, societal diversification and sustainable resource use. We think that information technology holds the key to substantial augmentation and equity in regional development — and global development is mainly the sum of myriads of local actions. As research association we are a non-profit group with tax-fevoured status by Austrian law and networked with many other NPOs.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Frenz Mahrada

Director



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Union of International Associations 40 rue Washington B-1050 Brussels Belgium

Expression of Support in UIA Bid for dot org Reassignment Re:

GAP International submits this letter to express its support for the Union of International Associations ("UIA") in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

Global Action Plan is an internationally community of NGOs with the aim of "Empowering individuals to live increasingly sustainably". Global Action Plan is currently active in 20 countries

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Marilyn Mehlmann secretary general pro tem

**GAP** International



### CENTRO FIALIANO PER LE ASSOCIAZIONI INTERNAZIONALI

June, 12, 2002

Union of International Associations 40 rue Washington B-1050 Brussels Belgium

#### Expression of Support in UIA Bid for dot org Reassignment Re:

The "Italian Centre for the International Associations" submits this letter to express its support for the Union of International Associations ("UIA") in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

The" Italian Centre" is, in fact, a no-profit organization founded by the UIA and others italian partners (Municipality of Montecatini, Province of Pistoia, Foundation of Saving Cash of Pistoia and Pescia, Congress Palace of Montecatini an Prof. Tibaldi) in order to "promote the international associationism in Italy and activities and purposes of Agencies and Organizations of the United Nations System and of the INGOs established in Italy".

The support by the UIA to reach this aim was, is and will be essential because of its historical, scientifical and cultural background and its special professional knowledge and competence which makes it the most qualified Organization on the field at worldwide level. First of all the "Centre" are cooperating with the United Nations University, Body of UNO General Assembly, with the professional and scientific support of the UIA.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully, Prof. Gianni Tibaldi President



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12 June 2002

Dear Sir/Madam

# Re: Expression of Interest in UIA Participation

The Transnational Research Institute-Knowlton submits this letter to express its interest in supporting the Union of International Associations ('UIA') in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

We are a network of member institutions as well as a co-operative of associates with the object to sensitise and educate the populations at large in terms of sustainable development issues. A recent list of organisations with which we have common fronts number over 700.

As a non profit organisation, we fully believe that the org. domain should be managed by an international non profit organisation with a depth of experience over many years in understanding and interacting with the global civil society. In fact the UIA with which we share ideas and concepts can trace its history to the beginning of the 20th Century. In our opinion, there is no one better placed to do justice to be the registry operator of the .org top-level domain.

Itself a funnel for a world-wide constituency of over 40,000 non-governmental organisations, the UIA has developed, beyond well recognised competence and merit, the kind of insights that are so necessary on our way to 2100. The vision which animates the UIA Research and Communications Directorate is at the forefront of the kind of scanning that is now essential to bind the often disparate efforts of its constituent organisations: not that the UIA is a union in any physical sense but rather in the reach it has in leading and representing the interests of peoples throughout the world.

We strongly believe that under UIA's stewardship, the yet sometimes casual or even opportunistic assemblies of civil society can reach critical mass through the use of world-class internet services. In servicing such multitudes of registrants and end-users, UIA can play a very much needed oversight which will guarantee the integrity of the .org domain. With its own network of sympathisers, such as we claim to be, UIA could extend the .org web of non-commercial entities and assist dramatically in making the sites secure and efficient.

A casual glance at UIA's 2001-2002 Yearbook (Vol.5, Guide to Global Civil Society Networks) should be sufficient to draw world-wide acclaim and appropriate recognition for the team led by Anthony Judge. To be entrusted with the responsibility which is the object of this note, is a natural step that ICANN should see as the dawn of a well-deserved partnership.

In closing, this is to confirm that we shall wholeheartedly assist UIA in following through the successful outcome of their proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Christian de Laet, Ph.D.

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Brussels June 11, 2002

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### LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR UIA

TO:
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"Vision 2020"submits this letter to express its support for the Union of International Associations ("UIA") in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

"Vision 2020" is a Brussels based Think Tank reflecting on the paradigm shift worldwide and its implications on European and World policies.

We know UAI since many years, and are really admirative of the quality and intelligent way they are managing the exceptional amount of information they have on civil society worldwide. In our opinion they are among the best information centres on civil society and non-commercial associations in the world, and they are also of first rang for the knowledge management methods they use and master.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Marc Luyckx

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### SPIRIT OF THE LAND FOUNDATION LTD.

Spirit of the Land Foundation Ltd., LP.O. A54, ANU, Acton, **ACT 2601** 

11 June, 2002

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Expression of Interest in UIA Participation Re:

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Spirit of the Land Foundation submits this letter to express its interest in supporting the Union of International Associations ("UIA") in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

The Spirit of the Land Foundation members are people of many continents and cultures committed to developing bridges of understanding between indigenous and non-indigenous knowledges. The vision has spread from a small desert homeland in Central Australia where Nganyinytja, a Pitjantjatjara elder, had the vision to invite peoples of all cultures to come together. Here the various worldviews and philosophies, the spirit and practice of caring for country are shared. Foundation's members include indigenous and non-indigenous people from all over Australia and the world.

The UIA has assisted the expansion of our cross-cultural educational initiatives into the designing of a University of Earth. We have been co-developing this concept since Anthony Judge visited our desert centre and recognized the broader possibilities of our vision. The aim is to link campuses in remote Indigenous communities with Universities to and centres of learning in other cultures, world wide through a virtual campus.

We believe that the UIA is developing a vision that will provide users of the .org domain with the stability and non profit leadership necessary to guide the evolution of the .org domain going forward. The UIA's fundamental mission over the decades has been to understand and profile the global network of civil society bodies and their interests from an unbiased perspective. As such, UIA possesses the necessary leadership and trust to fairly represent the interests of such a diverse group, and Page 2

actively tracks the development of more than 40,000 such organizations around the world.

We have been greatly supported by the UIA in the design and maintenance of our website. This is a valued assistance for an organization like ours that operates with many members in remote indigenous communities beyond the digital divide. As a non-profit Foundation working at this sensitive cross-cultural interface we believe that the .org domain should be managed by an international, non profit organization with a depth of experience over many years in understanding and interacting with the global civil society.

We support the UIA bid to ICANN to operate the .ORG top level domain.

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We believe that our support will assists all peoples share their knowledge, wisdom and understanding of each other so we can become joint custodians of the Earth.

Diana James

Director

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June 13, 2002

Union of International Associations 40 rue Washington B-1050 Brussels Belgium

### Expression of Support in UIA Bid for dot org Reassignment Re:

On behalf of the International Business Law Programme of CEPMLP/University of Dundee, Scotland UK, I would like to express our support for the Union of International Associations ("UIA") in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

I am head of the international business programme, CEPMLP/University of Dundee. We are an academic institution providing graduate studies, research, training and advisory service in the area of international economic law. I am also the coordinator of ENATRES, a global, internet-based discussion forum for natural resources, energy and international economic regulation with a global membership of 353 members in 60 countries.

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Yours faithfully,



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# LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR UIA

13th June 2002

Union of International Associations 40 rue Washington B-1050 Brussels Belgium

To Whom It May Concern

# Re: Expression of Support in UIA Bid for dot org Reassignment

The Welsh Institute for Health and Social Care (WIHSC) submits this letter to express its support for the Union of International Associations ("UIA") in its efforts to become the registry operator for the .org top-level domain.

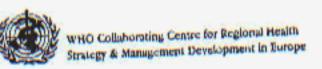
WIHSC's efforts are dedicated to improving quality of life through integrating the efforts of statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations. Based in the University of Glamorgan, the Institute provides a forum for the integration of health and social care founded on well-researched evidence. Our focus is on the development and application of organisational and practice-based innovations. Our relationship with the UIA has arisen through our shared interest in networks.

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