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ADOPT COMMON DECLARATION

ON

MANAGEMENT OF ONLINE COPYRIGHTS IN MUSIC WORKS & GOVERNANCE IN COLLECTIVE MANAGEMENT SOCIETIES

On 7 July 2006, **ICMP/CIEM**, the global trade association of music publishers, and **GESAC**, the European umbrella organisation for collective management societies managing copyrights in music works, adopted a **Common Declaration**, as a first step, to establish, within the Commission's Recommendation on cross-border management of rights for legitimate e music services, **minima rules** on governance for off- and online and on management of online rights in musical works.

Bernard Miyet, President of GESAC, welcomes the Declaration's adoption as the outcome of detailed discussions, reflecting a shared aim to drive the agenda: *"This Declaration provides a good opportunity to strengthen confidence between the two organisations as well as a framework able to match the local characteristics of societies. It should thus be acceptable to societies' governing bodies and lead to the required national legislative evolutions. The discussions will go on with full consideration for the interests of everyone concerned."*

Jean-Manuel de Scarano, Chairman of ICMP/CIEM, adds: *"The Recommendation gives rights holders a significant voice in how their rights are administered. We are delighted that the societies are taking this challenge head-on and we look forward to an era of greater co-operation between rights holders and rights administrators which will benefit rights holders and users alike, with the availability of cross-border online licenses through the collective management system."*

ICMP/CIEM and GESAC are committed to immediately encourage their respective members to implement the Declaration within the next twelve months. An assessment of progress will be made at that time. Simultaneously, **ICMP/CIEM and GESAC** will continue working together to agree on further steps to be taken to improve cross-border licensing solutions and governance.

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