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Your Excellency,

UCLG-MEWA (United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia Section) is one of the nine regional sections of UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments World Organization), the largest network of local governments in the world. As UCLG-MEWA, we believe that; combining their history, cultural background and various cultural actors, the dynamic structure of cities makes them capable of producing and discovering new dimensions of creativity; and we undertake the advocacy of this approach in national and international platforms. In this respect, we attribute a great importance to UNESCO Creative Cities Network Program-which aims to promote the creative, economic and social potential of cultural industries driven by local actors- for its universal contribution to cultural diversity; and consider that this program will canalize the capabilities and energy of the cities to the creative industry sector, via its thematic areas.

We are pleased by Şanlıurfa's application to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network, as a recognized center of musical production and activities, experienced organizer of national and international music festivals and activities, holder of cultural areas suitable for producing/ listening to music and informal structures nourished by its historical and cultural wealth for music education.

We strongly believe that, with its inclusion to the Creative Cities Network in the field of music following its goals for the UNESCO 2030 Agenda, Şanlıurfa will be the main component of cultural diversity and sustainable urban development in the light of musical and cultural values, and we also believe that Şanlıurfa will provide a musical added-value to multiculturalism by collaborating with other cities to work in the field of creative industries.

Sincerely yours,



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UCLG-MEWA Secretary General