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23rd May 2007

Mr. T.H. Ian Estwick
Chief Executive Officer
National Cultural Foundation
West Terrace
St James

Dear Mr. Estwick,

The United Artistes of Barbados would like to register strong objection to the National Cultural Foundation (NCF) for their Draft of the 2007 producer performer contract submitted to us. Outlined below are a list of some reasons for our objection:

The UAB is extremely opposed to the new condition of **exclusivity**, stated in the document, which confines the revenue generation capacity of artistes and is liable to cause undue hardships for those who are usually scheduled to perform at other Crop over events. We find it unacceptable that the NCF could refuse to increase the performance fees and prize monies of artistes, yet seek to inflict these measures that restrict the Artistes' financial and creative freedom.

The UAB also finds many of the terms of the contract to be exploitative, frivolous and injurious to artiste.

We refer to **clauses 2.11 through 4.6** which request the performer to sign over intellectual property rights that he/she in many instances does not control.

Another such suppressive clause is **6.11**, which appears to be directed towards muzzling the artiste.

The UAB is concerned that the NCF, after sending the said contract at late timing despite all efforts by us to receive it earlier, has started to disseminate this contract to artistes and it has not yet been approved by the UAB.

We also note that this contract refers to a **schedule** in **paragraph 5** which was not included in the package submitted and therefore not received by us.

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May 24th, 2007

Mr. T. H. Ian Estwick, Chief Executive Officer,

National Cultural Foundation (NCF), West Terrace, St. James

Please note that the UAB has sent several correspondences for the year so far requesting copies of the NCF 2007 draft competition guidelines, these guidelines have not been forthcoming and our requests seem to have been ignored. We have now referred these requests to our legal consul for the appropriate handling of this unanswered request.

The UAB would appreciate it if the NCF were to revert to the status quo and cease issuing this offending contract pending a response from our legal consul.

We would also request that the NCF makes available, all outstanding competition documentation, to us as urgently as possible so that all issues connected to the competition can be settled in a timely manner.

Thank you for your prompt attention to and action on this urgent matter.

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David Piggott (Mr.)

President

United Artistes of Barbados (UAB)

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