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Ref.: Letter of support for Prof. George Zoupanos, National Technical University, Athens (NUTA), Greece

Dear Sir,

This is a letter of support for my highly esteemed colleague, Prof. George Zoupanos, Professor of Physics at the National Technical University, Athens.

I first met George in the autumn of 1983, when I went to CERN as a research associate in the Theoretical Physics Division. George had just started his CERN fellowship in the same division and our sojourn overlapped for a year. Since then, I have met him quite frequently, mostly at CERN, in Corfu, where he has been organizing the Corfu Summer Schools and the Corfu Institute since the early 1990s, at DESY, Hamburg, where I work, and at a number of physics conferences. He is also a frequent visitor to Germany, mostly to the Max-Planck institutes and the Universities in Berlin, Munich and Heidelberg. It has always been a pleasure to share with him views not only about high energy physics, but also quite generally on topics such as the European Research Networks, and on the organization and scientific program of the Corfu Schools.

He is very active professionally and has published a very impressive number of scientific papers and has been invited to international conferences to present his research work. This is recognized by a large number of research grants that he and his group in Athens got from the Greek Ministry of Science and from the European Union, often as apart of scientific networks in which he was the head of the Greek node(s). His ability to attract research funds is very well documented. However, what impresses me more is his ability and commitment to attract a very large number of students and young researchers, in particular from within Greece, and a world-class faculty from across the world, over a very long period of time. This reflects both his warm personality, winning over friends and colleagues, but also his scientific stature as a leader in Greece. I say, without a shred of exaggeration, that the Corfu Summer Schools and the Corfu Summer Institutes, organized by George with whole hearted dedication and a superb team, are the best such international meetings that I have attended in my long

professional life. I have lectured myself at several of these schools and have benefited greatly in terms of the scientific breadth of these schools and the quality of lectures by the faculty.

Now, of course, Greece is a beautiful country, and Corfu a very attractive island for tourists. What the Corfu Summer Schools have done is to impart a very high scientific and cultural value to Corfu. This is no small achievement. George is a patriotic Greek and a great supporter of the educational, cultural, and scientific life there. I hold him in the highest esteem and feel myself greatly privileged to have known him and worked with him. He has my unqualified and staunchest support and I sincerely hope that George will continue his role as a scientific leader and benefactor of Corfu, in particular, for a very long time to come.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



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