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20th November, 1951.

Dear Dr. Michaelides,

The Council is anxious to decentralise its work and for this purpose it has amended its Statutes to allow for the affiliation of National Committees and for the appointment of Liaison Officers (see Article 6 of enclosed copy of the Statutes). I have been instructed by my Executive Board to invite you to become the Council's Liaison Officer for Cyprus, and I hope that you will be willing to accept this invitation.

The duties of the Liaison Officer will be, firstly, to act as the Council's agent and to assume the responsibilities which will ultimately be assigned to the National Committee (see Clause 6e) and, secondly, to take whatever steps may be desirable to bring about the affiliation of a National Committee.

We do not wish to create National Committees until there is a real and widespread interest, but I think you will share my opinion that there is sufficient interest in Cyprus to justify the formation of a National Committee. It would seem that the first step would be to call a meeting of the Council's members, of which I enclose a list.

You will want to know what are the financial obligations of a National Committee. It was decided by the General Assembly that the minimum annual subscription should be £20, but we hoped of course that in most cases National Committees would be able to make a bigger contribution. The actual amount will be settled according to Article 6i by agreement between the Council's Executive Board and the National Committee. We realise that National Committees will not all secure their funds in the same way. In some cases they may receive a Government grant, in others they will depend upon grants from organisations, or they may be financed by individual subscriptions.

We have yet to determine what shall be the relationship of a member of the Council (subscribing £1 per annum) to the National Committee. We might be able to work out a system

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whereby the National Committee collected the fees and retained a percentage for its own use. These questions were left rather in the air at the meeting of the General Assembly, and my own feeling is that we should not lay down any hard and fast rule, but should be guided by the circumstances of each National Committee, and make arrangements that will be mutually satisfactory.

I shall be very grateful if you will let me know, firstly, whether you will accept the Council's invitation to act as Liaison Officer, and secondly, what steps you think you could take towards the formation of a National Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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Hon. Secretary.

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Enc: list of members
copy of Statutes.

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February 16, 1956

Dear Dr Michaelides,

A slight change has been made in the arrangements for the meetings of the Executive Board. The first meeting will be held at Freiburg on Sunday, July 22, 1956, and the second meeting will be held after the annual conference on Wednesday, August 1, 1956, probably at Stuttgart.

The first meeting of the Commission will take place on the morning of Saturday, July 21 (not July 22 as announced).

Will you kindly let me have a reply not later than March 15 on the following matters:

- (i) Are you willing to be proposed for re-election to the Executive Board under Rule 11 (d)?
- (ii) What subjects do you wish to have placed on the agenda?
- (iii) Professor Willard Rhodes (Columbia University, New York) has accepted the Board's invitation to serve as a co-opted member. On the other hand, Miss Witzig has tendered her resignation, so that there is a vacancy on the Board. At its last meeting the Board suggested that the name of Mr Erik Dal (Royal Library, Copenhagen) should be put forward to fill the next vacancy that should occur. Will you therefore let me know if you approve of his being nominated for election?

Hospitality has been offered to members of the Board at Trossingen and I hope it will also be available at Freiburg and Stuttgart.

Yours sincerely,

Maud Karpeles
Honorary Secretary

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October 24, 1955

Dear Dr Michaelides,

I have to-day heard from Miss Karpeles regarding your letter of September 30. She wishes me to inform you that Cyprus and Greece have been placed in juxtaposition in Folk Songs of Europe. The order given in the leaflet is alphabetical and is not the order of the book.

Miss Karpeles is expected back in London at the beginning of next month.

Yours sincerely,

Constance Ross

Secretary to Miss Karpeles