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H.E. Ban Ki-moon
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that agpro – austrian gay professionals, supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption.

With this commitment, we express our intent to advance these principles within our sphere of influence, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

agpro - austrian gay professionals - is the civil society association of gay and bisexual entrepreneurs, (employed) managers and freelancers in Austria. Founded in 1998, agpro is a non-party, but politically committed organisation.

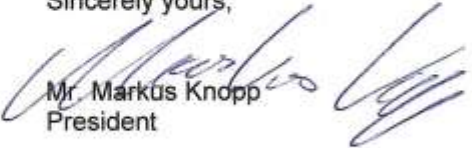
Our aim is to bring about change in our society that leads to acceptance of and equal rights for people with a same-sex preference. In pursuit of this, we set our focus on the professional environment. Our socio-political activities focus strongly on public relations, lobbying and information in enterprises. It is our aim that homosexual orientation does not lead to a disadvantage in society, at work or politically. Each year, agpro gives a sponsorship award for scientific work. It is endowed by IBM and recognised and sponsored by public authorities (Austrian federal ministries, the city of Vienna). In 2009 the first merit award was presented by agpro and the Queer Business Women in Vienna. It is an award for enterprises that include homosexuality in their diversity management efforts.

agpro is represented by two members in the council of gay and lesbian entrepreneurs at the Vienna Economic Chamber (WKW). The Council consists of four members and builds a bridge between the gay and lesbian community and WKW. The Council advises WKW in issues concerning the community and in communication with it.

agpro is also member of networks operating at a European (ILGA, egma) and at an international level (IGLCC)

We also pledge to take part in the activities of the UN Global Compact where appropriate and feasible – through, for instance, participation in the Austrian Network, involvement in specialized initiatives and workstreams; engagement in partnership projects; and reviewing and providing commentary to participating companies on their Communications on Progress.

Sincerely yours,


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