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Letter of Support

With this letter, I am pleased to give my full support to the organisation of World Outgames 2009 in Copenhagen.

I believe that this event is an important and great opportunity to promote cultural diversity, freedom and equal opportunity on a national, as well as international, level.

World Outgames 2009 is a great event with more than 38 sports disciplines and an extensive cultural programme celebrating the themes of gender, identity and diversity. It is an inclusive event for everyone regardless of gender, age, sexuality, ethnicity or religious faith. This celebration, however, springs from the deeply serious oppression and criminalisation many people in the global LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual) community face on daily basis.

It is therefore no coincidence that the worlds largest International Conference on LGBT Human Rights in 2009 is also a part of the 2nd World Outgames. About 1000 delegates from around the world are expected to participate in the 3-day conference, which will be held at the new and spectacular Danish Radio Concert Hall. The program includes up to 90 workshops within ten conference themes and a wide range of high-profile international keynote speakers.

I believe that World Outgames' Human Rights Conference is an important opportunity to address the taboo of LGBT people in sports and to support tolerance and diversity at all levels in the world of sports.

I therefore encourage our partners to support and participate in the World Outgames Human Rights Conference and help raise the profile of LGBT Human Rights in the world of sports.



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