



STATEMENT

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We at Hilton Corporation and Scandic have always held it as a crucial core value and completely self-evident that all people shall be treated as equals. We do not discriminate against anyone on the basis of gender, skin colour, national or ethnic origin, linguistic or religious affiliation, functional disability or sexual preference.

In December a Cuban trade delegation booked a room at a Scandic hotel in Oslo. Hilton Corporation has been advised that this conflicted with the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba, which we as a US company are obliged to follow, and therefore the reservation was cancelled. Since this was a trade delegation and our actions were mandated by US law, we believe that the cancellation does not conflict with our core belief in non-discrimination.

Our way of doing business is always to comply with legislation, locally in the Nordics and other countries where we operate, as well as the US.

Hilton Corporations is working with the relevant authorities to address our dilemma and need of finding a solution.

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