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To whom it may concern.

Wellington District Police are aware that three New Zealand ILGA member organisations are bidding to host the World Conference of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) to be held in New Zealand in 2018.

The mission of the New Zealand Police is 'to be the safest country', our vision is 'to have the trust and confidence of all' and our purpose is that our communities and people visiting New Zealand 'are safe and feel safe' while in our country. Further, one of the key core values of the New Zealand police is that of 'valuing diversity'.

Wellington District Police employ a diverse workforce which includes Diversity Liaison Officers who work closely within our LGBTI community. Visibility and a positive police presence at LGBTI events enables us to celebrate the diversity in our organisation and the communities we serve. There have been no safety concerns at any of the recent LGBTI events Wellington Police have supported.

Wellington District Police support the bid of the New Zealand ILGA Association and will actively participate in planning in terms of safety and security for this event should it be successful. This also includes liaison with other Government Agencies if required.

Yours sincerely

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