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Regarding: Kugler

Dear Sir or Madam,

Dr. Gudrun Kugler, Member of the Austrian Parliament, has granted me power of attorney pursuant to Section 8 of the Austrian Lawyers' Code [*RAO*] and instructed me to examine the publication "RESTORING THE NATURAL ORDER: The religious extremists' vision to mobilize European societies against human rights on sexuality and reproduction", which has been disseminated by you, in particular electronically via the <https://www.epfweb.org/> website. On behalf of my client I would like to inform you as follows:

Apart from the fact that some of the documents cited in that publication were obviously obtained by means of a hacker attack and, thus, violate provisions of national and international criminal law (regarding this attack investigations are already pending with the Juzgado de Primera Instancia No 11 de Madrid) you have been infringing the personal rights of my client by having made several untrue allegations in that publication, whereby in particular the offences of defamation and slander are being committed and whereby the necessary elements defined in Section 111 (2) of the Austrian Criminal Code [*StGB*], Section 6 of the Austrian Media Act [*MedienG*] and Section 1330 of the Austrian Civil Code [*ABGB*] are fulfilled, namely by making the following untrue allegations:

- My client is allegedly responsible for the Agenda Europe blog and Twitter account which regularly use aggressive language, of which my client disapproves.

Neither my client nor the loose Agenda Europe network are the authors of that blog and neither share its phrasing nor are they responsible for contents disseminated in that blog.

- Neither my client nor the Agenda Europe network are the authors of the "RESTORING THE NATURAL ORDER" manifesto, which is certainly not part of the joint programme of the loose network of political actors to which my client belongs.
- In particular, my client in no way comes out in support of the death penalty or for loosening the death penalty ban in any form whatsoever.
- You allege that corrupt Italian politicians and Russian oligarchs are among the principal financiers of my client's political activities. This is also untrue and defamatory.
- My client disapproves of being called a "religious extremist": this term includes a readiness to use violence, opposition to democracy and rejection of our fundamental values. Such a categorisation refers to an anti-religious and anti-Christianity stance of the EPF, which must be disapproved of as well.

For the reasons explained above my client would be entitled to assert a claim for a cease and desist order, retraction and publication of the retraction against your organisation and the authors of your publication and, in addition, to claim compensation under Austrian media law in court and last but not least to prosecute the authors and disseminators of your publication for slander as defined in Section 111 *StGB*.

Those steps are indicated in particular because you did not speak to my client in any way whatsoever before your publication was published and did not confront her with the untrue allegations either. My client expects you to rectify those untrue allegations and to refrain from further disseminating such or similar untrue and disparaging remarks about her in future; otherwise she expressly reserves the right to take legal steps.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Suppan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Werner Suppan