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Declaration of support for The International Student City of Copenhagen

The University of Copenhagen welcomes The International Student City of Copenhagen as a new and constructive approach to the improvement of the housing shortages for foreign students in Copenhagen. The idea furthermore supports the branding of Denmark as an internationally oriented, knowledge-based society.

It is interesting to emulate the concept of Cité Universitaire de Paris, which is known as a simple and efficient offer to foreign students. The shortage of inexpensive accommodation remains a growing obstacle to the attraction of suitable foreign students to Copenhagen. There is therefore, among other initiatives to increase the amount of youth residences in Copenhagen, a need for initiatives on a large scale specially focused on international students. Naturally, the concept must be customized to fit Copenhagen, so that The International Student City of Copenhagen may guarantee a high status that ensures a good lifestyle and facilitates meetings between Danish and international students. Choosing an area close to a metro station is in the opinion of the University of Copenhagen, a good and correct initiative, which will provide the students with an excellent connection to the city and the universities.

The business model, in which the countries that send students to Copenhagen also finance the project, is innovative. This is obviously a great opportunity for instilling Copenhagen to receive new investments that at the same time may prove to be an incentive for further international cooperation in the field of education. By virtue of its high level of ambition The International Student City of Copenhagen may directly lead to an increase of Copenhagen's reputation on the international market for education. Therefore, the University of Copenhagen declares its support to The International Stu-

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dent City of Copenhagen and will gladly share its experience as a member of an advisory board.

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Best regards,


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