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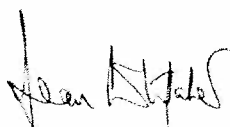
Your Excellency

I am writing on behalf of the University and College Union, which represents 120,000 academic and academic-related staff in the United Kingdom, to express our members' shock at the brutal murder of David Kato, advocacy officer for Sexual Minorities Uganda, and the continued harassment and threats to the safety and lives of the gay and lesbian community in Uganda. The continued presence before the Ugandan Parliament of an anti-homosexuality bill has sent a negative signal to countries round the world which are working for friendly relations with Uganda.

We urge the authorities in Uganda:

- to bring the killers of David Kato to justice;
- to take active steps to prevent media incitement to harass and attack members of the gay and lesbian community in Uganda;
- to protect them from attack and to foster a climate of tolerance and respect for individual rights for all Uganda's citizens;
- to issue a supportive statement from government / authorities for lesbian gay and bisexual people, stating opposition or call for removal of the anti-homosexuality bill which is still before it.

Yours sincerely



Alan Whitaker
President



Sally Hunt
General Secretary