

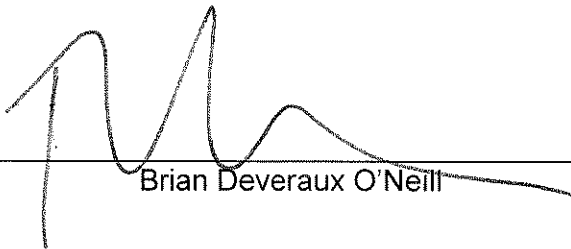
For the presentation in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
on 15 May 2012 of

Erste Group Bank AG  
Graben 21  
1010 Vienna

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**Declaration according to § 87 para 2 Austrian Stock Corporation Act**

Herewith I affirm that I am not aware of any circumstances which might bias my ability to serve on the Erste Group Bank AG Supervisory Board and that the requirements of § 41 para 4 No. 3 Banking Act (respect for legal values) are met.



Brian Deveraux O'Neill