For the presentation in the 22nd Annual General Meeting on 12 May 2015 of

Erste Group Bank AG Graben 21 1010 Vienna

April 2015

<u>Declaration according to § 87 para 2 Austrian Stock Corporation Act</u>

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.

Maximilian Hardegg