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Open Letter

Munich Young Leaders Round Table 2010

Dear Mr. ...,

According to newspaper reports the Körber Foundation invited you to participate in the Munich Young Leaders Round Table 2010 to discuss famine, ecological devastation, conflicts about resources and terrorism. The Körber Foundation emphasized that you are among the “future decision makers” gifted with the “potential to participate in deciding on our world’s destiny within a few years”.

You are exactly the person the tobacco industry needs for its network. The cigarette manufacturers’ products kill every other costumer when used as intended. Without your significant assistance it would be much more difficult for the tobacco industry to sell its lethal products against the increasing objections from physicians as well as from social institutions and institutions in the field of child and young people protection.

The Körber Foundation generates 40 percent of its earnings through the Hauni AG, which claims a worldwide quasi-monopoly in cigarette production machines. Hence a considerable number of good deeds done by the Körber Foundation stems from selling death

The Körber Foundation’s social and political activities primarily aim at creating a tobacco-friendly climate as well as at distracting and diverting the attention from the fatal consequences of tobacco consumption; every year throughout the world more than 5 million people die prematurely and often excrutiatingly from the tobacco drug.

Lending your good reputation to the Körber Foundation means helping to promote and to cover up a deathly business policy. You are placing yourself on the same level with an industry, which does not stand the test under ethical aspects.

And still another interesting detail has probably not been revealed to you by the Körber Foundation. The founder Kurt Adolf Körber zealously developed and produced weapons for the Nazis utilising 3.000 forced labourers under his technical supervision. "I wanted to win the war, to this aim I worked day and night." NSDAP-member Kurt Körber said in an interview in the newspaper Die Welt even at the age of 80. To achieve this goal Körber joined the National Socialist German Workers' Party (NSDAP) in 1940 while the war was already raging. For all this the "noble" founder never found a word of regret in his whole life.

Can it really be in your own interest to have your name mentioned in one breath with that of Kurt Adolf Körber?

With kind regards,

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