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For the attention of Mr. Axel A.
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Mr. Weber,

I am a customer of your bank for a great many years now and I am feeling concerned by the social, ecological and ethical choices which UBS are making.

I am writing to you today because I received information that appeared incompatible with the activities of a large modern bank, which must communicate and carry out activities with transparency and without any suspicion.

Following the **scandal which was provoked by activities carried out by the London based oil company “SOCO International”, in the oldest national park in Africa “Virunga national park”**, an information campaign was conducted by nature activists, political activists and other media figures.

The criticisms of SOCO International cover a wide spectrum of reprehensible wrong doings, ranging from physical and verbal threats against guards or park inhabitants, corruption, recruiting paramilitary forces, supporting the rebel group “M23”, to little precaution being taken for preserving one of the most unique animals in the world, the last mountain gorillas.

Today, documented evidence by a London organisation has been provided showing proof of bribes from SOCO to a high ranking officer of the regular Congolese army. The actions of « SOCO International » go well beyond an environmental problem, but resemble mafia activity in a country where corruption already undermines the foundation of the State. Such corruption is aggravated by certain activities being carried out by foreign companies that are prepared to go to any end to achieve their means. « SOCO International » is one of these companies, which participate in the corruption and weakening of the Congolese government, provoking human and ecological catastrophes in Virunga National park.

UBS has more than 2 million dollars’ worth of shares in « SOCO International ». I would like to know your position on this issue, and if you intend to review your involvement with a company that is certainly lucrative but profoundly immoral. A large modern bank should communicate and carry out activities with transparency and without any suspicion.

Thank you in advance for your response and best wishes.

Jean-Claude Vignoli