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Application for membership in the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities

On behalf of the City of Graz, I am pleased to express our strong commitment to becoming a member of the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

Graz is dedicated to creating an inclusive and supportive environment for all generations. We recognize the importance of adapting our structures and services to the needs of an ageing population.

By joining the network, Graz commits to the following points:

1. **Political Commitment** – Ensuring support at the highest level of the city government.
2. **Assessment and Planning** – Conducting a baseline assessment of Graz's age-friendliness. A current status-report (Standortbestimmung), developed within the framework of the project "All of Us – Age-Friendly and Livable" ("Wir ALLE – ALternsfreundlich und LEbenswert"), provides guidance and further proposals for implementation.
3. **Strategic Framework** – Anchoring our measures for age-friendliness in the city's long-term 2040 guidelines to ensure continuity and integration into overall urban development.
4. **Concrete Measures** – The topics and suggestions developed in the status report and guidelines are implemented with appropriate measures and offers, involving active participation and co-determination of seniors
5. **Monitoring and Evaluation** – Establishing mechanisms for regular assessment and progress reporting.
6. **Networking and Exchange** – Active participation in international knowledge-sharing with other age-friendly cities and communities.

We are convinced that joining the WHO Global Network will strengthen Graz's ongoing efforts to promote active and healthy ageing, enhance the well-being of older citizens, and foster solidarity across generations. We hereby affirm our commitment and look forward to working closely with the WHO and partner cities worldwide.

Kind regards



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Mayor of Graz