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Dear friends,

Intolerance towards the LGBT community is a growing concern amongst Eurovision Song Contest fans. We hear you, and we share your concern.

Although we deeply believe the Eurovision Song Contest is there for *everyone*, regardless sexual orientation, we embrace and support the LGBT community with the same passion as they embrace and support the Eurovision Song Contest.

The Eurovision Song Contest is not and should not be a tool to tell governments what to do and what not to do. But it is one of the most powerful tools in Europe to bring people together, no matter their cultural background, the color of their skin or their sexual orientation. That belief is one of the values we will never let go of, wherever we go.

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Jon Ola Sand  
Executive Supervisor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sietse Bakker".

Sietse Bakker  
Event Supervisor