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## Press release

Accor reaffirms that it has a duty of discretion concerning the ongoing legal process with regard to the incident that occurred in the New York Sofitel on Saturday May 14 and remains at the disposal of the American authorities to ensure that all the facts of the matter are brought to light. The Group's managers formally deny the allegations made against them suggesting that they intervened in any way in the events or treatment of this case.

This information has no basis in fact and could be considered slanderous.

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