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Application for Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council

Components of a completed application:

- A .- Copy of constitution/charter and/or statutes/by-laws and amendments to those documents (pursuant to paragraph 10 of ECOSOC resolution 1996/31).
- B .- Copy or certificate of registration.
According to resolution 1996/31 an organization “should attest that it has been in existence for at least two years as at the date of receipt of the application by the Secretariat“. Please provide a copy of the registration paper or, if your country does not require registration, please provide other proof of existence.
- C .- Copy of most recent financial statement and annual report.
- D .- Copy of examples of your publications and recent articles or statements.
- Oral Intervention at the 61st Session of the CHR
 - Article from ngoCHR on the panel “In Union: how can workers’ rights and the struggle for equality for sexual minorities advance together?”
 - Shadow Report to the Human Rights Committee in 2003
 - Membership Magazine “Respekt”
 - Program
 - Love deserves Respect (Liebe verdient Respekt): in German and German/Turkish
 - Legal guide to registered partnership law (Rechtsratgeber Lebenspartnerschaft)
 - Family book (Familienbuch)

- Brochure on current campaign 1 to 1 (Aktion Eins-zu-Eins)

E .- Completed application form.

F.- *optional* . –
Organization chart (if available)

Note:

The application must be completed in either English or French, as these are the working languages of the United Nations secretariat. All required documents submitted excluding publications should also be translated in English or French.

Application Form for Consultative Status

Only duly completed applications can be taken into consideration. Please do not leave any question unanswered, rather write “not applicable“ if it is the case. Please be as brief as possible and do not exceed one page per question.

PART I

Application Form

1. Name and, if any, acronyms of organization.

Lesben- und Schwulenverband in Deutschland (LSVD)

(Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany)

2. Contact Information.

- a) Permanent headquarters address.

Pipinstr. 7
50667 Cologne
Germany

(P.O. boxes are not accepted as headquarters address, but are acceptable as postal address)

- b) Postal address, if different from headquarters address.

Not applicable.

- c) Contact phone and fax number.

Phone: +49-221-925961-0

Fax: +49-221-925961-11

- d) Name and position of contact person.

Philipp Braun, Member of the Board

- e) E-mail address.

lsvd@lsvd.de

Philipp.Braun@lsvd.de

- f) Website, if any.

www.lsvd.de

3. Summarize the aims and purposes of your organization.

LSVD works towards a society in Germany, in Europe and globally where lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people (LGBT) have equality before the law. A world where LGBT people are treated with respect and acceptance and can participate equally in society without having to hide their identity.

4. a) Explain how you carry out these aims.

Campaigning for civil and human rights of LGBT people at local, national, European and international level through:

- Lobbying to influence political decision making that impacts LGBT people at local, national; European and international level.
- Media advocacy and information services provision (print and electronic media).

Provision of services to LGBT people through:

- Providing space for self-help/ social services groups to form within LSVD
- Concrete projects and activities

b) Please give examples of recent projects and activities.

For information on LSVD's campaigning on international solidarity see questions 5 and 6

Campaigning for an anti-discrimination law that protects LGBT people (and all other groups listed in Article 13 of the EU treaty) from discrimination in employment and public accommodation. This campaign is done in coalition with major women's, senior, disability and ethnic minorities NGOs.

Campaigning for full equality in rights and responsibilities between same-sex registered partnership legislation (eingetragene Lebenspartnerschaft) and marriage – with the support of all major LGBT organizations in Germany and from politicians, artists and other public figures (see www.aktion-einszueins.de). As a result of LSVD's advocacy in 2001 Germany introduced partnership legislation that to date includes all of the responsibilities of marriage and most of the rights.

Campaigning for a comprehensive change to Germany's transsexuality law, to enable transgender people to more fully control their lives and bodies.

Since this year LSVD has a project on "homosexuality in migration families" through its "Family and Social Association", which seeks to address the special needs of LGBT people from other

cultures and their families. For many years LGBT people of varied cultures living in Germany have organized themselves within LSVD – i.e. TürkGay (Turkish LGBT) and ERMIS (Greek LGBT).

Through its “Family and Social Association” LSVD has a project since 2002 on “rainbow families” (lesbian and gay parents and their children), that has hosted major conferences on the topic, has done research and counseling.

The „Rainbow Family“ Project

How is it organized?

The project named “Rainbow Families” started in September 2002 in the LSVD. During the first three years it was promoted by the German Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth. The project is managed by a psychologist and psychotherapist, Elke Jansen PhD, in Cologne. The sphere of activity covers the whole country. A complementary team of lawyer and journalists, as well as lesbian mothers and gay fathers support the project. The project will contribute to the improvement of the personal, social and legal situation of LGBT-Families in Germany. By counselling and networking we aim at strengthening the skills and abilities of lesbian mothers, gay fathers and their children. E.g. we initiate and maintain a network named ilse (initiative of lesbian and gay parents, www.ilse.lsvd.de) wherein local family-groups are organised. Further we try to support the consciousness of an appropriate and modern contact with LGBT-Families in society and policy. The range of services includes a consultant hotline, online and personal counselling for LGBT-Families and specialists, publications and press relations as well as lectures and conferences.

What kind of major conferences have been orchestrated?

There have been four so called “family seminars”, one symposium on LGBT-Families and one course of lectures on the issue during the last years. The family seminars as well as the symposium require a weekend and offers lectures, workshops and posters on central aspects of the family life and the family planning of lesbian mothers and gay fathers. The seminar especially addresses to lesbians and gay men where as the symposium addresses as well to specialists e.g. from the psychological and social, medical and juridical field. There had been „family seminars“ in 2000 (Bad Boll, Bavaria) 2001 (Oberursel, Bavaria), October 2002 (Schwerte, North Rhine-Westphalia), December 2004 (Bad Kissingen, Bavaria). A huge symposium on “rainbowfamilies – family und social reality” was conducted in Berlin in October 2003. The course of lectures “rainbowfamilies – a family is a family is a family” took place in Cologne (North Rhine-Westphalia) in 2004 and 2005. There are documentations published on all events since the project started (www.family.lsvd.de).

What research your organisation has been done for the project?

We did not do special research on the issue till now. We of course generated a counselling statistic including the causes and demographics. The project investigates and archives publications concerning scientific results and initiates and maintains networks of European researchers on LGBT-Families. As one result a bibliography as well as overview articles are published on research findings in the project.

LSVD was responsible for instituting help lines for LGBT victims of homophobic violence that were among the first in Germany .

Antigay violence project and help hotline

Violence against gay men is a current problem in Germany. Almost every gay man had to experience such attacks or knows someone who became victim of antigay violence. The forms of antigay violence are diverse: insulting, threatening, blackmailing, robbery or grievous bodily harm up to murder.

The offenders take advantage of the fact that gay victims of violent attacks very rarely report attacks to the police. Therefore there is only a little risk for offenders to be persecuted by the police. This is an encouragement for offenders to choose gay men again and again as easy victims.

To change this situation, to break this vicious circle is one of the aims of the LSVD antigay violence project. LSVD and its local groups run a gay helpline in a series of cities and installed a national standard phone number 19228 where victims of antigay violence get information, support, help. First of all the counsellors offer dialogue and conversation. Furthermore they help victims and witnesses of antigay violence to really find their way to the police, public prosecutor or to the courtyard in order to report what happened or if they want to give evidence.

At the same time LSVD and its antigay violence project try to combat and prevent antigay violence by cooperating with the local police and by campaigning together with the police and criminal investigation departments for an increasing tolerance and acceptance of homosexuality and homosexuals. In Northrhine-Westphalia for example, LSVD and the police department ran the campaign "Love deserves Respect" by spreading postcards and posters showing three young couples, a gay, a lesbian and a heterosexual couple propagating thus equivalence and acceptance for homosexuals.

Here is the list of LSVD (area code + 19228) and/or independent antigay violence help hotlines in Germany cooperating closely with LSVD: Aachen (0241) 19228 Berlin (030) 2163336 Bielefeld 0521 19228 Bonn (0228) 19228 Dortmund (0231) 19228 Düsseldorf (0211) 19228 Frankfurt a.M. (069) 283535 Halle (0345) 19228 Hamburg (040) 31793057 Köln/Cologne (0221) 19228, www.koeln19228.lsvd.de Leipzig (0341) 19228 Magdeburg (0391) 19228 München (089) 26025070 Münster (0251) 19228 Saarbrücken (0681) 19228

Lesbian women becoming victims of homophobic violence may call and will get help as well. If victims call and there is no counsellor available they are urgently asked to leave a message so that they can be called back later. This service aims as well to collect statistical material in order to get a realistic idea of the extension of homophobic violence in Germany and to witness the necessity for action for both, the police and politics.

5. a) How do you intend to contribute to the work of ECOSOC and/or its subsidiary bodies?

Attendance at upcoming sessions of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) through written and oral interventions, participation in side events and general visibility/lobbying. Facilitating the presence of LGBT activists from the Global South through fundraising from governments and foundations.

Lobbying the German Parliament (Bundestag) and government on LGBT issues at the CHR and in ECOSOC. Together with partner organizations and ILGA-Europe lobbying the European institutions on these issues.

Writing shadow reports for the Human Rights Committee (HRC) and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR).

Providing ECOSOC information about LGBT issues.

Spreading information in the German LGBT community about the work of ECOSOC and the UN.

b) Please give details on planned activities and projects.

Attendance at the 62nd Session of the CHR in March-April 2006.

Attendance at the ILGA World Conference in April 2006.

Writing a shadow report for the CESCR in 2006.

6. a) Has your organization participated in any UN-conference(s)?
If yes, explain in detail.

No.

b) Has your organization contributed to any areas with substantive UN concern and participated in any activities of the United Nations? If yes, explain in detail.

Since 2003 LSVD has lobbied on the Brazilian Resolution on “Sexual Orientation and Human Rights” at the 59th Session of CHR, raising awareness internationally. Also through its “Family and Social Association” LSVD enabled a transgender human rights expert to travel to three major LGBT conferences to provide information to LGBT activists about UN human rights policies and the Brazilian Resolution.

In 2003 LSVD submitted a shadow report to the HRC together with disability NGOs (see attachment).

In 2004 and 2005 LSVD was part of a global campaign on the Brazilian Resolution at the 60th and 61st Session of the CHR through:

- facilitating funding for the presence of LGBT activists from the Global South
- meeting with the German delegation in Geneva (including the Human Rights Commissioners)

- making an oral intervention under item 11 (see attachment)
- cosponsoring and chairing a panel on “In Union: how can workers’ rights and the struggle for equality for sexual minorities advance together?”

In December 2004 LSVD was part of a meeting of LGBT activists with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour.

LSVD practices international solidarity through its membership in the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) and other human rights networks. In the past besides involvement with lobbying at the UN and in European institutions LSVD has done concrete solidarity campaigns on the violations of the human rights of LGBT people in Egypt, Nepal, Jamaica and Poland.

Since LSVD believes that human rights are indivisible it is member of Forum Human Rights in Germany – the umbrella organization of the leading 45 human rights NGOs in Germany.

7. Would you broadly categorize your organization as a research organization, an advocacy/lobbying organization, a grass-roots project implementation organization or any other?

LSVD is mainly an advocacy/ lobbying organization, but has elements of grass-roots project implementation.

PART II

Application Form

8. Date of registration or, if no registration is required in your country, date of establishment
(See item B on front page)

September 24 1999 (as LSVD).

June 10 1992 (as the Gay Federation in Germany (SVD), its predecessor).

9. Country (or countries) of registration/establishment and nature and title of authorities with which registered

Amtsgericht (Magistrates Court) Charlottenburg (Berlin), Germany.

10. Registered/established as:

Lesben- und Schwulenverband in Deutschland e.V.

11. Do you consider your organization to be national, regional or international and explain why?

National. LSVD is the main LGBT advocacy organization in Germany.

12. Describe the structure and the decision-making-process of your organization, including all administrative bodies.

The highest authority is the National Congress (Verbandstag), open to all members, where the program and the policies for the organization is decided – and the executive board is elected.

The federal executive board (Bundesvorstand) is responsible for the running of the organization (including the budget) and the implementation of the decisions of the National Congress.

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13. a) List the names and nationalities of current members of your executive bodies and describe how they are elected/nominated.

Currently the national board of LSVD has 12 members who are elected by the annual conference for terms of two years:

Axel Blumenthal, Hannover (German)

Julia Borggräfe, Berlin (German)

Philipp Braun, Bonn (German)

Manfred Bruns, Stuttgart (German)

Günter Dworek, Berlin (German)

Antje Ferchau, Bretzfeld (German)

Axel Hochrein, Würzburg (German)

Uta Kehr, Berlin (German)

Rebekka Schneider, Pfalzgrafenweiler (German)

Hartmut Schönknecht, Berlin (German)

Eduard Stapel, Bismark (German)

Jacques Teyssier, Cologne (French)

b) Are any government officials members of your board or executive staff? If so, please specify.

No.

14. How many members does your organization have and in which countries are they located?
Please list the number of members by country and continent.

(All documents must adhere to the United Nations terminology with respect to territories and countries.)

As of May 25 2005 LSVD has 2531 individual members (756 women and 1775 men).

Of these 2489 reside in Germany.

In addition LSVD has 42 individual members in the following countries:

Australia (1)

Austria (3)

Belgium (5)

Czech Republic (1)

Denmark (1)

France (2)

Greece (2)

Indonesia (1)

Italy (1)

Netherlands (8)

Poland (1)

Spain (2)

Sweden (1)

Switzerland (9)

United Kingdom (3)

United States (1)

Furthermore LSVD has 68 organizational members: 41 associations and 27 companies (all in Germany).

15. Do the membership rules of your organization allow both individuals and organizations to be members? If so, please provide a list of the member organization(s).

LSVD as the main LGBT federation in Germany has among its 41 member associations a wide range of groups represented:

LGBT groups/caucuses within the main political parties:

- Bündnis90/Die Grünen AG (Arbeitsgemeinschaft) Schwulenpolitik, 10115 Berlin (Bundespolitik???)
- Bündnis90/Die Grünen Schwullesbische Lebensweisen, 10969 Berlin (Landespolitik???)
- Junge Liberale e.V. Bundesverband (FDP), 10042 Berlin
- Lesben & Schwule in der SPD, 10963 Berlin
- Lesben und Schwule in der Union, (CDU), 97080 Würzburg

Association of parents and friends of LGBT people:

- BEFAH e.V., Bundesverband der Eltern, Freunde und Angehörigen von Homosexuellen e.V., 30823 Garbsen

LGBT trade union group:

- AK (Arbeitskreis) Lesben, Schwule, Bisexuelle und Transgender in (der Gewerkschaft) ver.di, 10179 Berlin

Groups of LGBT Christians:

- HuK e.V. (Homosexuelle und Kirche), 76156 Karlsruhe
- HuK e.V. (Homosexuelle und Kirche), 30159 Hannover

Local AIDS service organizations:

- AIDS-Hilfe Bonn e.V., 53111 Bonn
- AIDS-Hilfe, 89077 Ulm

Transgender organizations:

- dgti e.V. (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Transidentität und Intersexualität), 50997 Köln
- TransMann, (Transsexuelle von Frau zu Mann) 50523 Köln

Association of victims of the Nazi regime:

- Bundesverband Information & Beratung für NS-Verfolgte, 51065 Köln

LGBT historical associations:

- Centrum Schwule Geschichte (CSG), 50823 Köln
- Schwules Museum e.V., 10961 Berlin

LGBT sports associations:

- Games Berlin e.V. (Outgames 2009) , 10783 Berlin
- Vorspiel – Sportverein für Schwule und Lesben Berlin e.V., 10829 Berlin

LGBT students organization:

- Schwulenreferat im AStA (Allgemeiner Studenten Ausschuss) der TU (Technischen Universität) Braunschweig, 38106 Braunschweig

Local LGBT associations and service organizations:

- ALSO e.V., Augsburger Lesben- und Schwulenorganisation e.V., 86154 Augsburg
- belladonna e.V., Kultur-, Kommunikations- und Bildungszentrum für Frauen e.V., 28203 Bremen
- Fliederlich e.V., Schwulesbisches Zentrum, 90402 Nürnberg
- BBZ Lebensart e.V., Begegnungs- und Beratungszentrum schwul-lesbische Interessengemeinschaft, 06108 Halle
- LeTra, Lesbentraum Beratungsstelle des Lesbentelefon e.V., 80469 München
- Mann-O-Meter e.V. (Info- und Treffpunkt für Schwule), 10783 Berlin
- Männer-Minne e.V. (Schwuler Männerchor), 10783 Berlin
- PLUS- Psychol. Lesben- & Schwulenberatung Rhein-Neckar e.V., 68169 Mannheim
- RainbowsStars e.V. (Schwul-Lesbische Jugendgruppe), 79511 Lörrach
- RESI e.V. (Regensburger Schwulen- und Lesbeninitiative) 93047 Regensburg
- Rosa Linde Leipzig e.V. 04109 Leipzig
- Rubicon, Beratungszentrum für Lesben und Schwule, 50676 Köln
- SchAM e.V. (Schwule Aktion Mannheim e.V.), 68017 Mannheim
- SchuTz Schwule und Lesben in Tölz und im Oberland e.V., 83646 Bad Tölz
- Schwubert , Schwule Beratung Reutlingen, c/o 70619 Stuttgart,
- Schwuguntia e.V., (???) 55122 Mainz
- Schwulenberatung Berlin (PSZ e.V.), (Psychosoziales Zentrum), 10629 Berlin
- SMart Rhein-Ruhr e.V, 45326 Essen
- SUB e.V., (Schwules Kommunikations- und Kulturzentrum), 80469 München
- SWIB Zentrum, (schwul-lesbischer Kommunikationstreff), 99096 Erfurt
- Uferlos e.V., Schwule und Lesben in Bamberg, 96008 Bamberg
- WUF e.V., (Würzburger Schwulenzentrum), 97082 Würzburg

28 businesses are also members

1. Alibi-Wellness-Center, 97076 Würzburg

2. Sauna & Resort Atlantis , 67065 Ludwigshafen
3. Atrium Concept GmbH E.u.F., 77694 Kehl
4. Bluepoint Sauna IBV Verwaltungsmanagement, 55118 Mainz
5. Bruno Gmünder Verlag GmbH Redaktion Männer aktuell, 10787 Berlin
6. ClubSauna Stargayte, 04109 Leipzig
7. ComVers GmbH, 20535 Hamburg
8. Der Faun-Sauna GmbH, 50674 Köln
9. Die Insel GmbH, Saunabad, 48163 Münster
10. Dragon Sauna Betriebs GmbH, 20099 Hamburg
11. St. Tropez Freistein-Sauna Betriebs GmbH, 45127 Essen
12. Galileo GmbH , 68165 Mannheim
13. Sascha C. Falk Mrotzek GayPlacement, 82041 Deisenhofen
14. Hotel Königshof Erik Springer & Klaus-Werner Held, 20099 Hamburg
15. Badehaus im Hotel Dt. Eiche Josef Sattler GmbH, 82024 Taufkirchen
16. Korsika-Tours GmbH , 66646 Marpingen
17. Makallo! gastro & more, 66663 Merzig
18. Phoenix Sauna III GmbH & Co. KG, 50679 Köln
19. Phoenix Sauna III GmbH & Co. KG, 40233 Düsseldorf
20. Phoenix Sauna III GmbH & Co. KG 45127 Essen
21. Relax-Center HYPERION, 78467 Konstanz
22. RuhrWellness, 45472 Mülheim
23. City-Sauna Sauna + Gastro GmbH, 40215 Düsseldorf
24. Saunawerk, 60322 Frankfurt
25. Soul-City GmbH, 80333 München
26. Steam-Sauna-Club, 10787 Berlin
27. Theo's Sauna Club, 42109 Wuppertal
28. Viva-Sauna, 70182 Stuttgart

16. Does the organization charge membership fees? Is the fee the same for all members and charged to all members? If not, please explain

The regular membership fee for individual members is 8 Euros per month (with some members paying higher monthly fees voluntarily). For low income members the fee is reduced to 2,50 Euros per month.

17. a) Does your membership include organizations that have ECOSOC consultative status? If so, please list them.

No.

b) Is your organization a member of one or several organization(s) that are applying for or already have ECOSOC consultative status? If so, please provide name(s).

LSVD is a member of ILGA (The International Lesbian and Gay Association) and of ILGA-Europe.

Both are applying for consultative status with ECOSOC.

18. Are other organizations affiliated with your organization? If yes, please provide a list of these organizations.

LSVD has as an affiliate the legally registered „Family and Social Association of LSVD“ (Familien- und Sozialverein des LSVD) through which its projects (i.e. Rainbow families, homosexuality in migrant families) are carried out.

In addition LSVD has affiliated regional/state associations (i.e. LSVD Berlin-Brandenburg) and local associations (i.e. LSVD Cologne) who are legally registered and autonomous within the constitution and policies of LSVD as a whole.

19. a) Does your organization have any relationship to a government? If yes, please describe the nature of this relationship.

Although LSVD through its “Family and Social Association” and regional and local affiliates have received grants from governmental sources to subsidize the costs relating to various programs and projects, LSVD is not affiliated with any government, governmental organization or agency, and no government, governmental organization or agency has any control over any aspect of LSVD’s activities. LSVD has always been and remains a truly independent non-governmental organization with no affiliation, obligation or connection with any government.

b) In the past five years, did your organization receive money or other contributions from a government? If yes, please specify and provide the dates and amounts received, as well as an explanation of how the funds were used.

In the past five years LSVD has not directly received any funding from governments.

However the affiliated Family and Social Association and regional and local associations have received funding from local, state and federal governments.

20. Has your organization previously applied for ECOSOC consultative status. If so, please indicate year of previous application.

No.

21. a) Does your organization already hold accreditation with any organs, funds, programmes or specialized agencies of the United Nations? If so, please specify.

No.

b) Was your organization’s accreditation with any organs, funds, programmes or specialized agencies of the United Nations ever withdrawn or suspended? If so, please specify.

No.

PART III**Application Form**

Please summarize the income and the expenditure from the last calendar or fiscal year of your organization using the following table:

Source of Income	Income in home currency	Income in US dollars
Membership dues -	216.606,64 €	270.755,80
Contributions from Members - Financial contributions - In-kind contributions -	14.425,51 € 6.336,17	18.031,89 7.920,21
Funding from Governments <i>(Please specify below)</i> - - -	-	-
Funding from International Organizations <i>(Please specify below)</i> - - -	-	-
Funding from Private Sector <i>(Please specify below)</i> - -	-	-
Funding from other NGOs <i>(Please specify below)</i> - -	-	-
Income generated through contracts <i>(Please specify below)</i> -	-	-
Other sources <i>(e.g. philanthropic contributions, sales of publications)</i> Contribution to costs from projects (Family and Social Association) Other income -	29.582,48 € 3.089,01 €	36.978,10 3.861,26
Total income	270.037,81 €	337.547,26

	Expenditure in	Expenditure in
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Expenditure	home currency	US dollars
Administration <i>(If the expenditures for administration exceed 30% of the total expenditure, please explain these costs in detail)</i>		
Salaries	125.501,12 €	156.876,40
Rent, utilities etc.	40.750,56 €	50.938,20
Travel costs	15.806,63 €	19.758,29
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Projects		
Press work	21.928,81 €	27.411,01
“Action 1:1”/ “Migration”	3.367,74 €	4.204,68
LSVD youth organization	1.108,92 €	1.386,15
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Other expenditure		
Support to regional and local affiliates	33.697,67€	42.122,09
Grant to projects (Family and Social Association)	9.885,66 €	12.357,08
Membership contributions	1.020,00 €	1275,00
Other expenditure	1.108,76 €	1385,95
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Total expenditure	254.171,87 €	317.714,84

PART IV

Application Form

I/we declare that I/we have answered the questions contained in this form to the best of my/our knowledge.

I/we declare, that if granted consultative status, my/our organization will act in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and ECOSOC resolution 1996/31.

The undersigned signature/es is/are duly authorized to sign this declaration.

Klaus Jetz, Director
May 30, 2005

(Signature)
Name(s) and position(s)
Date