

## Witness Statement

I, Peter Schaden, also known as Swami Shunyam, born 29 August 1941, of Oshostadt/Zachenmühle, 07368 Remptendorf, Germany, do state as follows:

I am an emeritus university professor and have been retired since 2004.

In 1981 I became a disciple of the Indian mystic and meditation teacher Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, who changed his name to Osho in 1989.

In April of 1996 I established the Osho Ketan Meditation Centre in Stuttgart. The name of the meditation centre was given to me in Pune by Vatayana Hoess, who was then working at Osho Global Connections. When I accepted this name no conditions whatsoever were attached to it by Osho Global Connections.

In 1996 and 1997 I participated in two meditation leader trainings in Pune, India, on my own initiative. At this time there was complete agreement with the friends at the Osho Resort in Pune that all the activities at Osho meditation centres were the sole responsibility of the individual leaders of the centres. No contracts of any kind were made or signed.

In 1998, Ms. Ursula Höss asked me to sign a so-called "Letter of Understanding". However, I felt unable to accept the content of this letter and thus refused to sign it. The Osho Meditation Centre continued to operate successfully and I managed it as chairman of Osho Ketan e.V. until 2003.

Today I still lead Osho meditations at various centres without being contractually bound to anyone in any way whatsoever.

Osho always expressed the wish that his disciples should be as independent and responsible as possible, and he deeply detested the idea of any kind of legal contracts in connection with meditation.

The statements herein are from my personal knowledge and recollection and I believe all of the statements made and the facts mentioned to be true.

Signature

Date