Witness Statement

I, Uwe Messerschmitt-Breitbach, also known as Sw. Prem Anahato, of Venloer Str 5-7, 50672 Köln, do state as follows:

a) I am born in 1960 and became a disciple of Osho, then known as Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in 1982.

b) In 1990 I started working in the company Oshos Place GmbH The directors of the company at that time were Klaus Steeg and Elisabetta Belucci.
I first worked as a bar keeper Slowly I started to take over more resposibilities and became second in charge.

c) At that time the shares of the company were held by Robert Doetsch and Klaus Steeg. It was always clear that both of them were holding the shares of the company as trusties for the Lotus e.V., a Foundation that took care of the Cologne Buddhafield.

d) In 1994 Klaus Steeg decided to end his work in Cologne. He decided to move to the Osho International Commune in Puna. He started to pass on his job to me so that I could become Director of the company, which I fianally became in 1994. Klaus Steeg then left for Puna. It was decided not to transfere the shares of the company as he was anyway holding them as a trustee and he agreed to continue to do so. He also remained officially a director of the company till 1998.

e) In 2001 the Osho Lotus Commune e.V. decided to ask all the trustees of the different companies to sign over the shares, which they were holding, directly to the Osho Lotus Commune e.V. This happened to avoid difficulties in case of death or severe illness of a trustee.

f) Klaus Steeg was contacted and asked to sign over the shares of the Oshos Place GmbH. For a long time he did not respond to our concern neither accepting nor responding to to phonecalls. After more than a year he finally admitted to the fact, that he did not want to sign over the shares to the Lotus e.V.
To me this came as surprise and a breach of trust and I

personally felt led down and cheated by him. He had never paid any personal money for those shares nor had he ever before claimed that he considered those shares to be his personal property. Certainly I would not have accepted the conditions of my work and payment situation, if it had been for the personal benefit of the shareholders.

g) In 2003 Klaus Steeg visted in Cologne and we had a meeting about the matter. He declared that he would sign over the shares only, if the Osho Verlag GmbH would sign a contract in which this company would accept and acknowledge the Osho Trademark. I was very upset about this blackmail and communicated the matter directly to Robert Doetsch, who at that time was travelling abroad. Robert Doetsch immedeately wrote an email to the Inner Circle in Pune, in which he expressed his outrage about the matter and in which he asked the Inner Circle to Stopp Klaus Stegs deceitful behaviour.

h) Within a week or two we finally received Klaus Steegs signature and the shares were transfered to the Osho Lotus Commune e.v. I personally communicated to Klaus Steeg how much I was taken aback and disappointed by his actions and that I really felt betrayed by a friend.

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

Below is the author's signature, which is hidden for protection of personal data.

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