

## Witness Statement

I, Elfi Rose Hauser, also called Laya, Reinsburgstr. 207, 70197 Stuttgart, Germany, do state as follows:

- My name is Elfi Rose Hauser born on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1953 at Scherzheim / Kehl / Baden-Württemberg / Germany.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1983 I became a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.
- In Tübingen, the City I lived at that time, some disciples organised meditations created by Osho, then known as Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, in public. Between 1986 and after Bhagwan had changed his name to Osho (in 1989) until 1997 I also offered Osho Kundalini Meditation and Osho Dynamic Meditation whenever there weren't any other meditation activities around. I rented places, made flyers and advertised in local newspapers. Osho had never installed any control of this, but on contrary I was encouraged to do so.
- Since 1997 I have been working at the Osho Meditation Center, Ketan e. V. Stuttgart, first coleading, now leading this place, fully self-responsible. I did not ask for or got permission from anybody. I do the work in my understanding and love for Osho and his vision. He is the most helpful meditation master and mystic to human growth I have ever met in my life. I love to share his vision and to grow together with people becoming more and more authentic.
- When in 2002 Vatayana Hoess, Global Connections, at that time my friend, asked me to sign a 'Letter of Understanding', I had no problem to do so. In German language the word 'understanding' is not used as a legal term, and it was also not presented as a legal document. In my language it simply was an expression of common understanding. I never had the idea of a licensed product of some company and I used the name Osho to refer to my master Osho and his vision. I would never sign any license contract about Osho's and my own vision and I feel cheated by Vatayana Hoess.
- In the year 2009 I was asked to sign a paper called 'Updated Agreement'. I refused to do so, because that clearly presented a legal contract.
- Again and again, Osho expressed that his centers should be only spiritually affiliated. But they should be legally and financially independent. He also emphasised that there should be no central organisation. This was also accepted by Vatayana Hoess. This is not possible with a trademark company or an organisation in control.
- Since 2003 Osho Meditation Centers have met once a year in Germany. These meetings happen without hierarchical or organisation structure. Every Osho disciple sharing Osho Meditations and his vision with others is welcome. At the center meeting in 2009, in Paki Osho Information Center, the trademark issue was discussed. Mrs. Vatayana Hoess had promised to look for a possibility of there being a trademark and yet centers being legally and

financially independent. But at the same time she was sending out the new updated agreement to all other European Osho Centers. The only centers that did not receive the updated agreement were the people and their centers present in this meeting. This way she prevented the European centers from communicating about this matter.

I make this witness statement knowing all the facts to be true.

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

Elfi Rose Hauser

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