

DECLARATION

In accordance with the Constitutional Charter of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem (« the Order ») and in perfect concordance with the Grand Magistracy of the Order, the Governing Council of Heads of all the national Jurisdictions where the Order is represented hereby declares as follows :

That the temporal protection of the Order guaranteed by HRH the Count of Paris, Duc de France, Head of the Royal House of France, as its *fons honorum* assures the traditional, historical legitimacy of the Order ;

That the unanimous lawful election by all members of the Order entitled to vote in the Chapter General held in 2004 in the Château Royal de Blois of HRH Prince Charles-Philippe d'Orléans, Duc d'Anjou, and the solemn installation of His Royal Highness as *Magnus Magister citra et ultra maria, Praeceptor Boignaci* in the cathedral of Orléans provides the Order, according to ancient noble tradition, with its sole Supreme Head ;

That the nomination by HRH Prince Charles-Philippe d'Orléans, Duc d'Anjou of His Eminence Cardinal Laszlo Paskai OFM, Primate Emeritus of Hungary, as Spiritual Protector of the Order, formally accepted by His Eminence during a solemn liturgy in St Mark's Basilica, Venice, guarantees the spiritual legitimacy of the Order and its historic ties with the Catholic Church, thus assuring the authentic ecumenical character of the Order, whose members are drawn from the Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican traditions ;

That the Constitutional Charter drawn up by the duly appointed Constitutional Council under mandate of the Governing Council of the Order, confirmed in writing by the Temporal Protector and unanimously adopted by all members of the Governing Council entitled to vote at its meeting held in Prague on 21 September 2006 in the presence of the Spiritual Protector, is, as approved by the 2006 Chapter General, the sole Constitution governing the Order ;

That all members of the Order remain free to practice their Christian faith according to the ecclesiastical tradition of their choice, in ecumenical harmony with their confrères and consoeurs, for the greater glory of God and the service of the Order ;

That all who are loyal to their investiture promise and obedient to the hierarchy of the Order remain honourable members, fulfilling the spiritual, charitable and traditional ends of the Order.

In consequence of the above, the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem does not authorize and has no relation with any association or self-styled « Order » which, though representing itself with similar names and customs, is not under the jurisdiction of the sole legitimate Grand Master of the Order, HRH Prince Charles-Philippe d'Orléans, Duc d'Anjou. A list of such associations, which sow confusion in the public perception and thus bring the Order into disrepute, is maintained by the Grand Chancery.

Agreed in Vienna, Austria, on 17 March 2007 and signed by the officers of the Governing Council as having the unanimous support of all Jurisdictions.

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