

DECLARATION

**by the German National Contact Point for the
OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises**

regarding a complaint filed by

- Germanwatch e.V.

against

- Volkswagen AG

SUMMARY

In the complaint dated 7 May 2007, the company was accused of violations in particular against Chapter V (Environment), but also Chapter III (Disclosure) and Chapter II.11 (improper involvement in local political activities) of the OECD Guidelines. The complainants argued that the company's policies were insufficiently adapted to the challenges of climate change. Following careful consideration of the case, including consultation with other federal ministries, the NCP rejected the complaint in a letter dated 20 November 2007. According to the procedural guidance of the OECD Guidelines, the initial assessment is to focus on whether the questions raised by the complaint merit in-depth examination. The NCP found that this was not the case, since no violation of the Guidelines' recommendations – which do not take precedence over national laws and regulations – was evident.