

## **DECLARATION**

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

**regarding a complaint filed by**

- urgewald, WEED, Germanwatch and BUND

**against**

- BP AG (BTC pipeline)

## **SUMMARY**

On 29 April 2003, the non-governmental organisations urgewald, WEED (World Economy, Ecology and Development), Germanwatch and Friends of the Earth Europe (BUND) filed a complaint against Deutsche BP AG, as part of the BP Group, in connection with the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) pipeline. Complaints in the same case were also filed with the U.K., U.S. and French NCPs. The complaints alleged that the BTC consortium – led by BP as the main shareholder – had committed numerous violations of Chapters II, V and VII of the OECD Guidelines. Germany's NCP did not accept the complaint for in-depth examination, because Deutsche BP AG was not involved in the consortium or any other part of the project. In its decision of July 2003, the German NCP found that a subsidiary company cannot be held generally responsible for the activities of its parent company (BP United Kingdom).



