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**Subject:** Audit certificates in the Sixth Framework Programme  
Use of internal auditing offices of public research establishments to provide audit certificate *2. K. und Z.W.V.*

**Reference:** Your letter dated 6 April 2004

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Dear Mr Rami,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research's confirmation that the internal auditing offices of the public research establishments identified in that letter are functionally independent in their work and can be considered to be competent public officers within the meaning of Article II.26 of the model contract for the Sixth Framework Programme for the provision of audit certificates for FP6 RTD actions.

In particular you identified the internal auditing offices of the following public organisations

Max Planck Society  
National research centres of the Helmholtz Association  
Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft  
Blue List science institution  
Caesar Foundation

Given that the Ministry estimates that the internal auditing offices of these public research establishments meet the criteria for providing audit certificates of public bodies as established by the Rules for Participation and the model contract for FP6, I see no reason for the Commission to object to this designation.

Yours sincerely,

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