



Protocol

for the Establishment of a New Ling of the International Dzogchen Community

The present Protocol is composed of 4 sections:

Section 1 – Application to establish a Ling:

The undersigned members (*at least nine*) of the International Dzogchen Community have submitted a request to the President of the IDC and to the International Gakyil to found a local organized structure of the International Dzogchen Community Association called Ling, so that belonging to the Ling, on the part of an individual member, presupposes membership in the International Association.

They have received authorization to legally establish a Ling in _____
(*address/city/province//county/district Country name*) _____ and to manage it according to the rules stipulated in this protocol.

Concurrently, the President of the International Dzogchen Community has conferred to the Ling the name of.....(*name of the Ling*).

The undersigned declare to have read and understood the documents, attached to the present Protocol, which are listed below, and to accept their terms and requirements.

The following documents are an integral part of this protocol:

- The *International Dzogchen Community Statute*;
- The Ling Statute;
- *Code of Use for International Dzogchen Community Name and Logos*;
- The International Dzogchen Community Membership Regulations;

The undersigned declare to accept the terms of this Protocol.

Founding Member Applicants:

1)

Surname: _____

First name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Male/ Female: _____

Postal address: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel home: _____

Tel business: _____

Fax: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

International Dzogchen Community membership number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

2)

Surname: _____

First name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Male/ Female: _____

Postal address: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel home: _____

Tel business: _____

Fax: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

International Dzogchen Community membership number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

3)

Surname: _____

First name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Male/ Female: _____

Postal address: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel home: _____

Tel business: _____

Fax: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

International Dzogchen Community membership number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

4)

Surname: _____

First name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Male/ Female: _____

Postal address: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel home: _____

Tel business: _____

Fax: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

International Dzogchen Community membership number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

5)

Surname: _____

First name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Male/ Female: _____

Postal address: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel home: _____

Tel business: _____

Fax: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

International Dzogchen Community membership number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

6)

Surname: _____

First name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Male/ Female: _____

Postal address: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel home: _____

Tel business: _____

Fax: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

International Dzogchen Community membership number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

7)

Surname: _____

First name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Male/ Female: _____

Postal address: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel home: _____

Tel business: _____

Fax: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

International Dzogchen Community membership number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

8)

Surname: _____

First name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Male/ Female: _____

Postal address: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel home: _____

Tel business: _____

Fax: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

International Dzogchen Community membership number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

9)

Surname: _____

First name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Male/ Female: _____

Postal address: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel home: _____

Tel business: _____

Fax: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

International Dzogchen Community membership number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Note

Please be aware that the Ling Founding Members must be members of the IDC with the right of vote and up to date with the payment of the membership fees.

Section 2 - Request for authorization trademarks use:

- The names “Dzogchen Community” and “International Dzogchen Community” together with the International Dzogchen Community logo are protected by law. The International Dzogchen Community has been given the authority by Chögyal Namkhai Norbu, who has the copyright of the trademarks, to grant use of the International Dzogchen Community trademark to the local bodies of the Association and to any third parties, in accordance with the provisions of article 39 of the *International Statute*, and in particular the attached *Code of Use for International Dzogchen Community Names and Logos*;
- This *Code* states that your Ling is only authorized to use the name “International Dzogchen Community” together with the official name given to your Ling by the President of the IDC, exclusively to promote initiatives and programs relevant to the mission of the International Dzogchen Community;
- The use of the names “Dzogchen Community”, “International Dzogchen Community” and the font of the International Dzogchen Community logos in written form must be written accordingly to the instruction about the use of the International Dzogchen Community brand provided and updated by the International Gakyil; furthermore the logo and lettering must be positioned in the same way as they are presented in the same manual;
- Should the Ling wish to use the “International Dzogchen Community” names and logos without adding its official name or using geographic descriptions differing from that in the Ling name, it must request authorization from the International Gakyil;
- Use of the name for personal or commercial reasons is strictly prohibited. The right to use the “International Dzogchen Community” names and logos is temporary;
- Authorization for this use may be revoked by the International Gakyil, or its delegated authority, at any time and for any reason.

The undersigned _____ (Names of the new Ling Gakyil Members) _____ accept the rules stipulated in the present Protocol and, as Ling Gakyil members, acting on behalf of the Ling, request authorization from the International Gakyil to use the International Dzogchen Community names, logos and trademarks subject to the terms and conditions of the *International Statute* and the attached *Code of Use for the International Dzogchen Community Names and Logos*; it is also recognized that the International Dzogchen Community Gakyil has the delegated authority from Chögyal Namkhai Norbu to deny use of the logo and trademark.

Signatures: 1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Date: _____

Confirmation by International Dzogchen Community

Signature. _____

Date of confirmation: _____

Section 3 - Nomination of a new Ling Gakyil

The following members of the International Dzogchen Community who have submitted hereby an application to have granted the authorization to found a new Ling of the IDC in _____ have elected amongst themselves the following members to become Gakyil members of the newly established Ling:

1) Name: _____

Membership Card Number: _____

Area of competence in the Gakyil (blue,red or yellow): _____

2) Name: _____

Membership Card Number: _____

Area of competence in the Gakyil (blue,red or yellow): _____

3) Name: _____

Membership Card Number: _____

Area of competence in the Gakyil (blue,red or yellow): _____

The members of the newly established Gakyil have nominated, amongst themselves, Mr/Ms _____ as the new Ling Director.

Signatures of all the Founding Members:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

8) _____

9) _____

Date: _____

Section 4 - Ling Gakyil Members Agreement

The undersigned members of the International Dzogchen Community (IDC) elected by the _____(Ling Name) _____General Assembly accept the responsibility to serve on the Gakyil of _____(name of the Ling) _____and to manage the affairs of the Ling under the IDC President's guidance in accordance with the IDC Statute and Ling Statute, the Code of Use for the Dzogchen Community Names and Logos, the Membership Regulations and all guidelines provided by the International Dzogchen Community.

They declare hereby to have read and understood the above mentioned documents.

1) Name _____

International Dzogchen Community membership number: _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

2) Name _____

International Dzogchen Community membership number: _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

3) Name _____

International Dzogchen Community membership number: _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

Please sign, date and return by post all originals of these four sections to the International Gakyil.

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Note:

The Ling Gakyil Member Agreement must be signed by every newly appointed Gakyil member at the time when he/she accepts to serve on the Gakyil.

Every time a new Gakyil is elected all its members must sign this Agreement. It is the responsibility of the incumbent members of the Gar/Ling Gakyil to request the new members to sign a copy of the Agreement at the time of their nomination. A copy of this Agreement should be then sent to the IDC Gakyil.