

## **PROPOSAL**

**Sent by Subud Germany, 3 August 2013**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Subud Germany - after consultations with Subud Austria - proposes that the WSA non-profit corporation be moved from the USA to a location to be decided at world congress, following discussion and research during the next year.

We discussed this issue at our delegates meeting at the zone4 gathering in Wolfsburg this year. A majority of the delegates spoke in favor of this proposal as well.

With best wishes from our Subud Germany Congress

*Hilma and Ismanah*

Chair and Deputy Chair, Subud Germany

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### **Background information from Arifin Konrad, Chair Subud Austria**

When we were discussing the agenda for the Z4 meeting in Wolfsburg someone on my team remembered that this had already been suggested two years ago in Greece and we felt it worth looking at again. We took the issue to our members and found that there was quite a strong support in favour. So we made the proposal to the Zone Council. Unfortunately there was not enough time to discuss it to the point of decision making but again there was enough support to keep going. So we would like to see this as the starting point of a discussion that might lead to a decision at the next world congress or the one after.

There were several reasons mentioned and I will try to remember as best I can :

- Subud is for all of mankind but not all of mankind is welcome in the US
- the US is not being seen as a friendly country everywhere
- the political climate has changed a lot since 9/11
- being a member of an US based organisation can cause problems in some countries
- if anybody decided to take the WSA to court the directors would be held liable personally

These are the reasons that were mentioned most frequently.

Concerning the costs involved we have to also take into account the possible risks/costs involved if we don't do it.

As to which country we should move to, I believe that it is better to define the requirements rather than suggest countries right away. That I would see as the task of a work group.

Our suggestion is that it be a 'block free' country with a good reputation. In Zone 4, I could see Switzerland which ironically has no Subud organisation at this time. Austria would be possible too but our language is German.

I hope that this explanation is helpful and clear.