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Heidelberg, 14/12/2015
My reference: 00045-11

**Bild newspaper of
25/10/2015 “The
Pillory of Shame”
Complaint**

Dear Sir or Madam,

On 25 October 2015, Bild newspaper published a “pillory of shame” on pages 2 and 3 (see attached). On this “pillory,” members of the public are shown expressing negative and xenophobic opinions about the current refugee crisis (e.g. “Get the hell out of Germany”). This “pillory” is not just aimed at the xenophobic opinions themselves but against the individuals expressing them. Colour photos of the latter are shown along with their full names.

Reading the Bild newspaper’s pillory piece (see attached), you immediately feel as if you are back in the “Dark Ages” with its harsh punitive methods: People are hauled into the public eye and pilloried with full name and photo without due process, without protection of privacy rights.

The opinions pilloried by Bild are tasteless and evoke “moral revulsion,” but the manner in which they are pilloried sets off a number of shrill constitutional alarms.

In my opinion, Bild has grossly violated the privacy rights of the parties concerned.
I ask you to reprimand the Bild newspaper.

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In addition, I would like to ask you to acknowledge receipt of our letter and keep us informed about the progress of the proceedings.

This action was initiated by the Alliance for Democracy (www.menschenfuerdemo-kratie.de), a loose network of people who stand up for democracy in Germany.

Yours faithfully,

[*signature*]

Dr. Michael Humphrey
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“The Pillory of Shame”

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“The Pillory of Shame”
Finable offence under §43 II No. 2 BDSG

Dear Dr. Dix,
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In my opinion, Bild has collected and processed personal data without authorisation. This is a finable offence (§43 II No. 2 BDSG). I request the initiation of the appropriate investigations and, if applicable, the imposition of a significant fine.

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