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Dear IAWN Steering Committee, dear colleagues,

We should like to express our sincere intention to join the International Asteroid Warning Network. We read the Statement of Intent for Participation in the International Asteroid Warning Network, we agree with and we should like to take part in this worldwide effort.

Klet Observatory is a small professional research institution in the Czech Republic. Klet Observatory has been participating in an international NEO research effort since 1992 as a prolific astrometric NEOs and PHAs follow-up station (MPC code 046). In 2002 we started the KLENOT Project using a new 1.06-m Telescope + CCD built at Klet Observatory just for asteroid and comet observations (MPC code 246). Since 2014 Klet' serves as a cooperating sensor in the NEO segment of the European Space Agency (ESA-SSA) programme, now in the framework of ESA project S2P-S1-PD-06.1 (CARMEN) contract No. 4000134667/21/D/MRP.

Since 1992 Klet Observatory obtained more than 50,000 astrometric measurements of Near-Earth Objects, which include confirmatory observations, early follow-ups or recoveries. One of interesting follow-up cases was a small Earth impactor 2022 EB5 just 12 minutes before its disintegration in Earth's atmosphere above the Arctic Ocean.

Klet' Observatory is situated near the top of Klet' mountain above the town of Cesky Krumlov, not far from the Austrian and Bavarian borders. Klet' Observatory is funded by the Southern Bohemia Region of the Czech Republic.

Moreover to NEO research at Klet Observatory we also started a NEO-asteroid hazard-planetary defense education for school excursions for all levels of

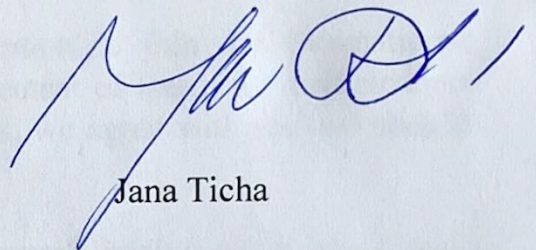
education system as well as NEO-asteroid hazard-planetary defense public outreach for wider public, media, rescue/crisis management and decision makers, mainly at the Observatory and Planetarium Ceske Budejovice.

More info about Klet Observatory you can find at

<http://www.klet.org>

On behalf of Klet Observatory

České Budějovice on 2023, March 23



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