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Statement by Vicar General Prelate Peter Beer

My thanks go to the lawyer Ms. Westpfahl and her chancellery for this report. This report presents some disillusioning and extremely serious findings and conclusions.

These findings and conclusions signify a great obligation to undertake changes. A properly functioning administration must assist in preventing abuse and pursue any suspected cases of abuse in a consistent manner.

Against this background, strong efforts have already been undertaken, and these must be continued and intensified. Alongside our officials charged with investigating abuse, an Episcopal Commission has been appointed that has prepared a comprehensive concept for the prevention of sexual violence and transcending boundaries against children and young people. This is based on two pillars. On the one hand, we must strengthen children and young people in our institutions and develop in them a feeling of self-respect. On the other hand, we will sensitize our employees because they are charged with protecting children. Training courses will take place for all our employees – a start has been made with training all 600 religious teachers in church service.

In addition, we are implementing an administrative reform, which will incorporate the findings and results presented to us in the course of this year. This will include the valuable information provided in the report by the Westpfahl chancellery.