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**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2005**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2005**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2005**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2005

The Board of Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2005. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in October 2000.

Governing Document

The Association is an unincorporated, registered charity governed by Constitution adopted on 23 January 2001. The charity was registered on 22 February 2001.

Objects

To advance, from the continent of Europe, the Christian religion as practised by that body of Christians called Jehovah's Christian Witnesses (more commonly known as Jehovah's Witnesses) by:

Promoting the preaching, teaching and dissemination of the gospel of God's Kingdom under Jesus Christ to all nations as a witness to the name, word and supremacy of Almighty God, Jehovah.

Promoting Christian missionary work.

Providing, maintaining and building places of meeting for public Christian worship.

Advancing religious education.

Providing and promoting spiritual assistance anywhere in the world, in particular to the poor, the homeless and the sick and to those suffering from the effects of natural or manmade disasters and in other times of need.

Trustees

The trustees in office during the period and at the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Trustee Selection Method

Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the charity held in the month of January each year, or as soon as practical thereafter. Nominations for election of trustees are made by members of the charity. Should nominations exceed vacancies election shall be by ballot.

Activities and Achievements

During the year the Association continued to receive support from Jehovah's Witnesses in Portugal. The sum of £111,878 was received specifically for the purpose of assisting Jehovah's Witnesses in Eastern Europe. The total income including investment income was £114,116.

During the year the Association has been pleased to make the following donations:

In January 2005 the sum of Euro 35,000 (£24,493) was sent to the Latvia Office of Jehovah's Witnesses. This sum was sent to help cover the ongoing administrative expenses for Jehovah's Witnesses in that country.

In February 2005 the sum of US\$120,000 (£63,885) was sent to the administrative offices of Jehovah's Witnesses in the Republic of Kazakhstan specifically for the funding of a new office and assembly grounds for Jehovah's Witnesses in that country.

These donations will assist local congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses in the countries of Latvia and Kazakhstan to have a regular share in promoting and preaching the good news of God's Kingdom and teaching principles of Christian living, which includes respect of secular authority, persons and property, the maintenance of personal morality and family values and other facets of Christianity. The construction of an assembly ground in Kazakhstan will enable all congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses in that country and any interested persons to meet as one body to be instructed in the values noted above.

The Association continued to receive requests for assistance from the Church of Jehovah's Witnesses in Hungary to finance volunteers working at the new administration office and it has been happy to respond. During the year, a total of £1,533 has been donated. In December 2004 the Church of Jehovah's Witnesses in Hungary informed the Association that it was no longer necessary to support volunteers serving at the administration offices.

At the end of the financial year the funds of the Charity were £81,209. It is expected that donations will continue at the same level for the coming year. The trustees of the Association continue to keep in contact with the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses and will inform them of the Association's ability to make further modest donations in line with the Charity's charitable objects.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2005

We wish to acknowledge at this time the generous support of the many donors, primarily in Portugal, who have supported the Charity in the past year.

Looking forward, we believe there will be many opportunities to assist the work of Jehovah's Witnesses principally in Eastern Europe, which continues to benefit the wider community through teaching principles of Christian living.

During the year the Religious Freedom Subcommittee has been active in the protection and defence of religious freedom in Armenia, Eritrea, Turkey, Nagorno-Karabakh and Uzbekistan.

Organisational Structure

The charity is UK based, with its registered address in London. The trustees act as a Management Committee having responsibility for the administration and decision making for the charity. The Committee meets whenever required but no less than twice a year. The two trustees who act as the charity secretary and treasurer are in daily contact with the charities representing Jehovah's Witnesses in the United Kingdom and by this means are kept informed of the current needs of Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide.

Relationship With Other Charities

The Association works closely with other legally registered charities used to promote the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses. These charities will inform the Association of their need and if funds are available and the request conforms to the stated charitable objects, the Management Committee will consider the request.

Fund-raising

The charity does not engage in fund-raising activities but relies on unsolicited grants from persons interested in promoting the work of the charity. The charity receives regular grants from associations located on the European continent.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves which are those unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed. The trustees consider that the method of carrying out the objects of the charity will be principally by means of one-off grants rather than long-term or short-term grant funded projects. The reserves can be kept to a minimum. The trustees will retain the sum of £5,000 as an unrestricted free reserve.

Grant Making Policy

The Management Committee receives requests from the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses to fund the work and objects of Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide. The Committee will consider each request and, based on the funds available and taking into consideration its objects, will agree to the grant.

Investments Selection Policy

Funds will be invested diversely between several major financial institutions using Money Market instruments. Any donated Stocks and Shares will be managed or sold according to professional advice on the soundness of the institution and in harmony with our Christian principles.

Review Of Major Risks

The trustees have reviewed the major risks the charity faces and believe that by maintaining the free reserves at levels stated in the reserves policy, this will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks that it faces and confirm that systems are in place to mitigate the significant risks. This includes an ongoing internal audit programme designed to review controls over key financial systems.

Declaration

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that the trustees have approved the report above and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.



DAVID CARPENTER
SECRETARY

8 November 2005

DATE

THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF JEHOVAH'S CHRISTIAN WITNESSES

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2005**

Report to the trustees of The European Association of Jehovah's Christian Witnesses on the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2005, set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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8 November 2005

THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF JEHOVAH'S CHRISTIAN WITNESSES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2005


	NOTE	General unrestricted funds (£)	Restricted funds (£)	Total this year (£)	Total to 31.08.2004 (£)
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	1	-	111,878	111,878	119,379
Investment income		313	537	850	301
Other Incoming Resources		-	1,388	1,388	-
Total incoming resources		<u>313</u>	<u>113,803</u>	<u>114,116</u>	<u>119,680</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Donations and aid to branches		-	89,911	89,911	96,729
Administration Expenses		58	-	58	3,815
Total resources expended		<u>58</u>	<u>89,911</u>	<u>89,969</u>	<u>100,544</u>
Net incoming (outgoing) resources before transfers		255	23,892	24,147	19,136
Total funds brought forward		<u>21,241</u>	<u>35,821</u>	<u>57,062</u>	<u>37,926</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>21,496</u>	<u>59,713</u>	<u>81,209</u>	<u>57,062</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2005

	NOTE	Total this year (£)	As at 31.08.2004 (£)
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>81,209</u>	<u>57,062</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>81,209</u>	<u>57,062</u>
INCOME FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		21,496	21,241
Restricted funds	2	<u>59,713</u>	<u>35,821</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>81,209</u>	<u>57,062</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 7 were approved by the trustees on 8 November 2005 and signed on their behalf by:



CHAIRMAN



TREASURER

THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF JEHOVAH'S CHRISTIAN WITNESSES

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2005**

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2000) and the Charities Act 1993.

b) Change in basis

There has been no change to the accounting policies.

c) Discontinued, continuing and acquired operations

All the charity's operations are continuing operations and there were no operations discontinued or acquired during the year.

d) Eastern Europe Fund

This fund was established to help with the work of Jehovah's Witnesses in Eastern Europe.

The whole of the expenditure from this restricted fund was for the specific purposes of this restricted fund.

e) Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the donation, legacy or similar income and any conditions for receipt are met;
- the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive it; and
- the trustees are reasonably certain that the value can be reliably measured.

f) Gifts in kind for use by the charity

These are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

g) Investment Income

This and any associated tax credits are included in the accounts when receivable.

h) Liability Recognition

Generally liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

2) RESTRICTED FUNDS

Fund name	Eastern Europe Fund (£)
Donations and other incoming sources	113,803
Charitable expenditure	<u>(89,911)</u>
Net movement	23,892
Opening balance	<u>35,821</u>
Closing balance	<u>59,713</u>