# **APPENDIX**

### **STATEMENT**

Erklärung gemäß §5, (4) der Promotionsordnung

Ich versichere an Eidesstatt, dass ich die vorliegende Arbeit selbständig und ohne Verwendung anderer Hilfsmittel und Hilfern als der in der Arbeit angegebenen verfaßt habe.

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