

FORUM: Human Rights Committee

QUESTION OF: The issue of illicit organ trade

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The United Nations Human Rights Committee,

Keeping in mind the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in particular articles 1, 2 and 3,

Taking into account the principles of the Declaration of Istanbul on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism,

Having examined the UN resolution (A/RES/59/156 of 3rd February 2005) concerning the prevention, fight and punishment of the trafficking in human organs,

Noting with concern that trafficking in human organs is an enormous violation of human rights including the integrity of its victims,

Taking note that a good health system could prevent the spread of the illicit organ trade,

Bearing in mind that in developed countries the number of people on the national organ list has increased (only in the USA it has increased by 84% over the last 10 years and 6,000 people died waiting for organs),

Being aware that the main reason for the black market of organs is the lack of availability,

1. Requests the WHO (World Health Organization) to finance studies on stem cells research because recent analysis present that stem cells can abate the transplants of organs creating new organs;
2. Further asks the institution of a World Awareness Day against the trafficking in human organs to remind citizens of this massive phenomenon;
3. Calls upon a greater awareness of the population thanks to:
 - a. the creation of campaigns and associations to enlighten people of ethical and medical problems such as the rejection of the organs after operation and the health problems which donors might suffer from,

- b. the collaboration of journalists who can report about the risks concerning the illegal organ trade;
- 4. Advocates the creation of a UN organization to combat:
 - a. any illegitimate operations performed by doctors who do not adhere to their Hippocratic Oath,
 - b. the online websites that promote and advertise for the illegal organs;
- 5. Urges the creation of a UN organization to promote:
 - a) an ongoing rigorous control at the customs at airports and ports,
 - b) the defense of children who are prominently used in this practice exploiting their young organs;
- 6. Favors harsh sentences for doctors who operate illegally by reforming laws to encourage doctors in foreign countries to make more ethical decisions regarding illegal transplant surgeries;
- 7. Supports the necessity of stricter laws in order to force doctors to denounce cases of patients who might have undergone transplant with organs illegally trafficked;
- 8. Discourages people from the assumption of alcoholics, cigarettes and junk food to avoid the necessity of new organs reminding that people who are affected by this vices do not take precedence for transplantation;
- 9 Expresses its hope for:
 - a. further research and development of transplantation from animals (animal organs and tissues),
 - b. the dissemination of this technique among doctors and hospitals;
- 10 Calls on all the countries to create jobs in order to avoid poverty, which is the main cause for organ sales;
- 11. Requests the General Assembly to propose the discussion of this topic in the next session.