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Surrogate motherhood

Written declaration No. 522

This written declaration commits only those who have signed it

Considering that the practice of surrogate motherhood implies a contract on the unborn child and the exploitation of a woman's womb, and that it voluntarily dissociates motherhood and manipulates filiation;

Considering :

– the Charter of the United Nations;

– the Preamble and Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR);

– the Preamble of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR);

– the Convention against Torture (Article 16);

– the International Criminal Court Statute (Article 7);

– the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) (Article 6);

– the Protocol to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Article 3) and the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (Article 4);

– the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the application of Biology and Medicine: Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (Oviedo Convention) (Article 21);

– the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) (Article 3);

– the CRC Optional Protocol on the sale of children (Article 2a);

– the Convention Concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour (ILO Convention 182) (Article 3);

– the Convention on Intercountry Adoption (Articles 4 and 32) ;

– the European Convention on the Adoption of Children (Revised) (Articles 5 and 17);

– Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1443 (2000) on International Adoption: Respecting Children's Rights,

The undersigned members of the Parliamentary Assembly affirm that surrogate motherhood is incompatible with the dignity of the women and children concerned and is a violation of their fundamental rights.

Signed (see overleaf)

Signed [1]:

VOLONTÈ Luca, Italy, EPP/CD
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Total = 25

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