



## INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT STATEMENT

In accordance with the steering committee and the 151 international representatives present on 30 April 2008 in Istanbul, Turkey and the more than 170 Endorsement Organisations, I commit to my practice to be aligned with the principles of the Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism.

### THE PRINCIPLES ARE:

1. Governments should develop and implement ethically and clinically sound programs for the prevention and treatment of organ failure, consistent with meeting the overall healthcare needs of their populations.
2. The optimal care of organ donors and transplant recipients should be a primary goal of transplant policies and programs.
3. Trafficking in human organs and trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal should be prohibited and criminalized.
4. Organ donation should be a financially neutral act.
5. Each country or jurisdiction should develop and implement legislation and regulations to govern the recovery of organs from deceased and living donors and the practice of transplantation, consistent with international standards.
6. Designated authorities in each jurisdiction should oversee and be accountable for organ donation, allocation and transplantation practices to ensure standardization, traceability, transparency, quality, safety, fairness and public trust.
7. All residents of a country should have equitable access to donation and transplant services and to organs procured from deceased donors.
8. Organs for transplantation should be equitably allocated within countries or jurisdictions, in conformity with objective, non-discriminatory, externally justified and transparent rules, guided by clinical criteria and ethical norms.
9. Health professionals and healthcare institutions should assist in preventing and addressing organ trafficking, trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal, and transplant tourism.
10. Governments and health professionals should implement strategies to discourage and prevent the residents of their country from engaging in transplant tourism.
11. Countries should strive to achieve self-sufficiency in organ donation and transplantation.

Full version of the Declaration of Istanbul is available in English and various other translations on  
[www.declarationofistanbul.org](http://www.declarationofistanbul.org)

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