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**POLICY STATEMENT:  
ETHICS COMMITTEE OF THE TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY**

The Transplantation Society is the leading international society of doctors and scientists involved in the transplantation of tissues and organs. It will become pro-active in promoting the monitoring and policing of transplantation activity, and in supervision of the adherence to proper principles of practice.

**THE TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY RECOMMENDS:**

(i) All countries should enact legislation forbidding all commercial trafficking in tissues and organs.

(ii) All countries should define brain death and its diagnosis and enshrine this concept in law including the requirement that the

assessors of brain death are independent and free from any direct interest in the transplant procedure.

(iii) All countries should ensure effective monitoring of tissue and organ transplantation.

(a) Proper regulation of mortuary activity and of tissue banks;

(b) A certificate of brain death by independent assessors;

(c) A signed and dated certification by the surgeon removing the tissues and organs, stating the (1) he/she has witnessed

the certification of brain death and (2) which tissues and organs have been removed. Copies of this documentation must

be forwarded together with all tissues and organs.

(d) A full certification by the implanting surgeon, stating the (1) he/she has inspected the retrieval documentation and

deemed it satisfactory and (2) he/she has recorded the implantation of stated organs into specified individuals;

(e) Ensuring that tissues and organs not used are accounted for to relevant authorities;

(f) The introduction of methods for registering and tracking all donors;

(g) The approval and certification of transplant centers and teams by relevant government and/or medical professional authorities.

The Transplantation Society further states that with respect to more general issues, its position remains unchanged:

(a) Organs and tissues should be freely given without commercial consideration or financial profit;

(b) A consent should be obtained;

(c) Transplantation Society members must not be involved in obtaining or transplanting organs from executed prisoners.

**I HEREBY ACCEPT THE ABOVE ETHICS STATEMENT OF THE TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY.**

Signature of candidate Date

Print Name