

DECLARATION OF CASABLANCA

FOR THE UNIVERSAL ABOLITION
OF SURROGACY



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE UNIVERSAL ABOLITION OF SURROGACY 5TH TO 6TH OF APRIL 2024 - ROME - ITALY (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

FRIDAY APRIL 5TH, 2024

Committing to the universal abolition of surrogacy

Moderator : **Bernard GARCIA** (France), Doctor of Law, Coordinator of the Declaration of Casablanca
Suzanne AHO (Togo) and **Luis PEDERNERA** (Uruguay), members of the UN Committee
on the Rights of the Child (CRC), are independent observers of the work linked to the Casablanca Declaration

- 9.00 AM **Coffee welcome**
- 9.15 AM **Welcome of participants**
Francesco BONINI (Italy), Rector, LUMSA
Velina TODOROVA (Bulgaria), Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
Adriano BORDIGNON (Italy), President of the Forum delle Associazioni familiari
- 9.30 AM **Opening speeches**
Eugenia ROCCELLA (Italy), Minister for the Family, Births and Equal Opportunities
Mirosław WACHOWSKI (Holy See), Under-Secretary for Relations with States and International Organisations
- 10.00 AM **Breaking out of resignation : Italian political proposals to put an end to the trafficking of maternity**
Moderator : **Adriano BORDIGNON**, President of the Forum delle Associazioni familiari
Luana ZANELLA, MP, Verdi Sinistra Italiana **Elena BONETTI**, MP, Azione
Simonetta MATONE, MP, Lega **Cristina ROSSELLO**, MP, Forza Italia
Valeria VALENTE, Senator, Partito Democratico **Ylenia LUCASELLI**, MP, Fratelli d'Italia
- 11.30 AM **BREAK**
- 12.00 PM **The child as object of the contract: testimony of a woman born of surrogacy**
Olivia MAUREL (France), Spokesperson for the Declaration of Casablanca
- 12.20 PM **Discussion**
- 12.45 PM **LUNCH BREAK**
- 2.45 PM **A market based on the exploitation of women**
Jennifer LAHL (USA), Founder of the Center for Bioethics and Culture Network and co-founder of Stop Surrogacy Now
- 3.05 PM **A global market**
Herveline URCUN (France), Analyst, Assisted Reproduction Observatory
Birgit KELLE (Germany), Journalist, author of *I'll buy myself a child: the disgraceful business of surrogacy*
Kajsa Ekis EKMAN (Sweden), Journalist, author of *Being and Being Bought - Prostitution, Surrogacy and the Split Self*
Eva Maria BACHINGER (Austria), Journalist, author of *Kind auf Bestellung (Child on demand)*
- 3.35 PM **Surrogacy : a tragedy for Africa**
Sonnie EKWOWUSI (Nigeria), Lawyer, Chairman of the Human and Constitutional Rights Committee of the African Bar Association (AFBA)
- 3.45 PM **Discussion**
- 4.30 PM **BREAK**
- 5.00 PM **The impossibility of ethical surrogacy**
Diana MUÑOZ (Colombia), Professor, Institute of Family Law, University of La Sabana, Bogotá
Emma CICCARELLI (Italy), Forum of family associations Italy
Marina TERRAGNI (Italy), Founder of RadFem Italy OME
- 5.30 PM **Convincing international institutions**
Jorge CARDONA LLORENS (Spain), Lawyer, Professor of International Public Law at the University of Valencia, former member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
Emmanuel JAUFFRET (France), Jurist, Collective for the Respect of the Person (CoRP)
- 6.00 PM **Discussions**
- 6.15 PM **Conclusions of the day**
Vincenzo BASSI (Italy), President of the Federation of Catholic Family Associations in Europe (FAFCE)

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SATURDAY APRIL 6TH, 2024

Legal tools for universal abolition of surrogacy

Moderator : **Nicola SPERANZA** (Italy), General Secretary of the FAFCE

- 9.00 AM **Coffee Welcome**
- 9.30 AM **9.30 AM Welcome of participants**
Reem ALSALEM (Jordan), United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls
- 9.40 AM **Opening speech**
Alberto GAMBINO (Italy), Pro-rector, European University of Rome (UER), Member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
- 10.00 AM **Italian law and the challenge of surrogacy**
Antonella BRAMBILLA (Italy), Former Judge at the Milan Youth Court
- 10.20 AM **Discussion**
- 10.30 AM **The financial flows of surrogacy**
Bénédicte HAMBURA (France), lawyer, and **Christophe HAMBURA** (France), lawyer, consultant
- 10.50 AM **Discussions**
- 11.00 AM **BREAK**
- 11.30 AM **Perspectives for national laws**
National ban and non-recognition of foreign surrogacy contracts
Piotr MOSTOWIK (Poland), Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, expert at the Institute of Justice in Warsaw
Preventing mediation for surrogacy
Carmen LAZARO PALAU (Spain), Professor of Law at the International University of Catalonia (UIC), Barcelona
Discouraging nationals from having recourse to surrogacy
Sandra TRAVERS DE FAULTRIER (France), Former lawyer, former lecturer at Sciences-Po Paris, Collective for the Respect of the Person (CoRP)
- 12.00 PM **Discussion**
- 12.15 PM **The protection of children born of surrogacy**
Maria Sara RODRIGUEZ (Chile), Professor of Law at the Universidad de los Andes, Santiago
- 12.45 PM **Discussion**
- 1.00 PM **LUNCH BREAK**
- 3.00 PM **The need for a specific regulation on surrogacy at international level**
Roberto ANDORNO (Argentina), Associate Professor of Bioethics and Biomedical Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland
- 3.30 PM **Discussion**
- 3.45 PM **The margin of appreciation of States with regard to international courts**
The Inter-American Court of Human Rights – **Sofia MARURI** (Uruguay), Lawyer, Professor of Human Rights at the University of Montevideo
The European Court of Human Rights – **Aude MIRKOVIC** (France), Lecturer in private law
The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights – **Sonnie EKOWUSI** (Nigeria), Lawyer, Chairman of the Human and Constitutional Rights Committee of the African Bar Association (AFBA)
- 4.15 PM **Discussion**
- 4.30 PM **Conclusions**
Bernard GARCIA (France), Doctor of Law, Coordinator of the Declaration of Casablanca
- 5.00 PM **Cocktail**