

# 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 PEDERNEIRA** (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      **Carolina VARCHI**, 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** (Italia), 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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## 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**