



DÉCLARATION : CAMPAGNE VISANT À L'ARRÊT IMMÉDIAT DE LA GESTATION POUR AUTRUI

Nous sommes des femmes et des hommes d'origines ethniques, religieuses, culturelles, socio-économiques différentes venant de toutes les régions du monde. Ensemble nous tenons ici à exprimer notre inquiétude concernant les femmes et les enfants exploités au travers des conventions de gestation pour autrui (GPA).

Tous, nous reconnaissons la force du désir de parentalité qui est naturel et universel. Toutefois, comme s'agissant de la plupart des désirs, des limites doivent être posées. Les Droits Humains nous fournissent un marqueur significatif à qui veut savoir identifier ces limites et déterminer leur champ d'application. Nous pensons que la gestation pour autrui doit être interdite en ce qu'elle constitue une violation des droits humains des femmes et des enfants.

La gestation pour autrui repose souvent sur l'exploitation des femmes les plus démunies. Dans de nombreux cas, ce sont les pauvres qui sont contraints de vendre et les riches qui peuvent se permettre d'acheter. Ces transactions iniques impliquent un consentement de la part de femmes sous informées, voire pas du tout informées, une rémunération faible, une coercition, une insuffisance de suivi médical et des risques sévères pour la santé, à court et à long terme, des femmes qui acceptent la gestation pour autrui.

Le processus médical de la gestation pour autrui entraîne des risques pour la mère de substitution, pour les jeunes femmes qui vendent leurs ovocytes et pour les enfants nés grâce aux techniques d'assistance médicale à la procréation. Parmi les risques encourus par les femmes : le Syndrome d'Hyper Stimulation Ovarienne (SHSO), la torsion ovarienne, le kyste ovarien, une douleur pelvienne chronique, une ménopause précoce, une perte de fertilité, une tumeur cancéreuse du système reproductif, des caillots sanguins, une insuffisance rénale, un arrêt cardiaque et, dans un certain nombre de cas, la mort. Les femmes faisant une grossesse à partir d'ovocytes provenant d'autres femmes présentent un risque plus élevé de pré-éclampsie et d'hypertension.

Les enfants nés grâce aux techniques d'assistance médicale à la procréation, qui sont généralement mises en œuvre dans la gestation pour autrui, présentent également des risques de pathologies parmi lesquelles : une naissance avant terme, un décès à la naissance, un poids insuffisant à la naissance, des malformations du fœtus et une pression artérielle élevée. La gestation pour autrui rompt le lien maternel naturel qui s'établit pendant la grossesse – un lien que les professionnels de la médecine encouragent et cherchent à renforcer sans relâche. Le lien biologique entre la mère et l'enfant est indéniablement de nature intime, et lorsqu'il est rompu, les conséquences en sont durables pour les deux parties. Dans les pays où la gestation pour autrui est autorisée, cette souffrance potentielle est institutionnalisée.

Nous sommes donc convaincus qu'il n'y a pas de différence entre la pratique commerciale de la gestation pour autrui et la vente ainsi que l'achat d'enfants. Même s'il n'y a pas échange d'argent (c'est-à-dire la version non rémunérée, ou « altruiste »), toute pratique qui expose des femmes et des enfants à de tels risques doit être interdite.

Personne n'a droit à un enfant, pas plus les hétérosexuels que les homosexuels ou les individus ayant fait le choix de rester célibataire.

Nous sommes unis pour demander aux gouvernements des nations du monde ainsi qu'aux leaders de la communauté internationale de travailler ensemble à l'arrêt immédiat de la gestation pour autrui.



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