



## UTTALANDE: STOPPA SURROGATMÖDRASKAP NU!

Vi, kvinnor och män med olika etniska, religiösa, kulturella och socioekonomiska bakgrunder från alla delar av världen, uttrycker vår gemensamma oro för de kvinnor och barn som utnyttjas genom surrogatmödraskap och graviditetskontrakt.

Vi har förståelse för den längtan många har efter att bli föräldrar. Men likt med de flesta önskemål så måste finnas rimliga gränser. Mänskliga rättigheter utgör en viktig skiljelinje för var dessa gränser bör dras. Vi anser att surrogatmödraskap ska stoppas, eftersom det är ett brott mot kvinnors och barns mänskliga rättigheter.

Surrogatmödraskap bygger ofta på exploatering av fattiga kvinnor. I många fall är det fattiga kvinnor som står för säljandet och de rika som köper. Dessa ojämlika förhållanden resulterar i att de kvinnor som samtycker till och genomgår surrogatmödraskap ofta är dåligt informerade, ges låg ersättning, får dålig sjukvård samt utsätts för tvång och allvarliga hälsorisker på lång och kort sikt.

Den medicinska process som surrogatmödraskap innebär medför risker för surrogatmamman, de unga kvinnor som säljer sina ägg och de barn som föds via denna typ av reproduktionsteknik. Riskerna för kvinnor inkluderar ovariellt hyperstimuleringsyndrom, ovarialtorsion, cystor på äggstockarna, kronisk bäckensmärta, tidig menopaus, fertilitetsförlust, cancer i de reproduktiva organen, blodproppar, njursjukdom, stroke och i vissa fall död. Kvinnor som blir gravida med en annan kvinnas ägg löper större risk att få havandeskapsförgiftning och högt blodtryck.

Barn som föds via den teknik som oftast används vid surrogatmödraskap, riskerar också hälsorisker som för tidig födsel, dödfödsel, låg födelsevikt, fostermisbildningar och högre blodtryck. En surrogatgraviditet bryter den naturliga bindningen som annars sker mellan mamma och barn vid graviditeten – en bindning som medicinsk personal vanligen uppmuntrar och främjar. Där surrogatmödraskap är lagligt, är denna potentiella skada institutionaliserad.

Vi anser att kommersiellt surrogatmödraskap är en handel med barn. Även när surrogatmödraskapet är icke-kommersiellt (d.v.s. obetalt eller "altruistiskt"), måste det förbjudas med hänsyn till de risker kvinnor och barn utsätts för.

Ingen har rätt till barn, oavsett om de är heterosexuella, homosexuella eller ensamstående.

Vi ber alla världens regeringar och ledare för det internationella samfundet att tillsammans motverka och **Stoppa Surrogatmödraskap Nu.**



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