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Dear Secretary,

The Transplantation Society (TTS) is an international professional organization in official relations with the World Health Organizations, and counts over 6500 members.

TTS is a parent organization of the Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group, and as such, endorses the DICG submission to this Parliamentary Inquiry. The success of organ transplantation programs is dependent on public trust in the safety, integrity and fairness of donation and transplantation services. Organ trafficking and transplant tourism fundamentally corrupt these services, undermine trust and result in enduring harm to patients and communities. In taking action on these issues, Australia may set an example to other countries in the region, and facilitate cooperation on strategies to deter, prevent, and respond to transplant-related crimes in the cross-border setting.

Sincerely,

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President