

Proposal for Skopje Spring Congress 2020

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The Skopje Spring Congress 2020 may decide:

1 Protecting the freedom of surrogate mothers and families

2 Today, the freedom of surrogate mothers and families are under pressure in many European
3 countries. It creates insecurities and lowered quality of life for the surrogates and the intended
4 families. As a liberal organisation preserving and ensuring freedom amongst all people, we
5 cannot ignore this lack of freedom and the arbitrary legal status of all implicated parties of
6 surrogacy. It is unacceptable to neglect the inherent human need of giving life through one's
7 own DNA, and in that matter also to ignore the lawlessness of the surrogate mothers. We need to
8 secure the freedom for all family-kinds to found a family, and in addition ensure the security of
9 the surrogate mother.

10 Considering that:

- 11 • Surrogate motherhood and altruistic* surrogate motherhood are highly complex ethical
12 dilemmas with no easy solutions.
- 13 • Today, the legal status of surrogate maternity is chaotic.
- 14 • By creating a clear legal framework in the EU, we can stop the exploitation of especially
15 poor women, in e.g. Russia and India, which exist today.
- 16 • It's not a human right to have a child but for some e.g. infertile individuals or
17 homosexuals it's not physically possible. By legalising surrogacy and accepting that a
18 child can have two fathers or two mothers, we can increase equality for rainbow families.
- 19 • In several member states, same-sex couples can't be recognised as equal parents if the
20 couple use a surrogate mother from e.g. the US.

21 *The selfless act of helping a sister, friend, relative etc. by bearing their child free of charge.

22 Believing that:

- 23 • As liberals, we are fighting to uphold liberties for all individuals.
- 24 • Families and surrogate mothers deserve a clear legal position.

25 Calls for:

- 26 1. LYMEC to call on the Commission to provide legal protection at EU level for individuals who
27 are already or will be born to a surrogate mother in the future.
- 28 2. LYMEC to call on the Commission to verify that existing legislation on surrogate motherhood -
29 in those Member States where this is not allowed - does not contravene the EU Charter of
30 Fundamental Rights article 7.

- 31 3. LYMEC to support a movement towards non-criminalisation of surrogate motherhood
32 agreements and for such agreements to have legally binding effects to safeguard the rights of the
33 parties involved, including in terms of costs, salary and visitor rights among others. This practice
34 should be coupled with the necessary guarantees in terms of health coverage of the pregnant
35 person and the juridical and economic security of both parts, so that the economic remuneration
36 is not the only economic sustainment for the pregnant mother.
- 37 4. LYMEC to condemn the discrimination that surrogate mothers and families still suffer across
38 the European Union, sometimes even being criminalised by members of governments and thus
39 rendering them unprotected and vulnerable to harassment, degrading treatment and other types
40 of aggression.
- 41 5. LYMEC to urge not to criminalize families in good faith for the desire to have a child.

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