



The **DECLARATION** of **ISTANBUL**
on **ORGAN TRAFFICKING** and **TRANSPLANT TOURISM**



Dear American Society for Histocompatibility & Immunogenetics,

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Declaration of Istanbul (DoI), a working group of the Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group (DICG) has prepared a draft update to the Declaration. The revisions made in this 2018 Edition are intended to ensure that the DoI remains a valuable source of ethical guidance for health professionals and policy makers during the next decade in the face of persisting and emerging challenges in organ trafficking and transplant tourism around the world. **To achieve this goal, we need your help.** We are conducting a public consultation that will enable all those with an interest in the DoI to review and submit feedback on the draft. We will then use your collective feedback to make further changes to the document before the final version is presented in July at a [special workshop in Madrid, Spain](#), during the [Congress of The Transplantation Society](#).

Anyone may participate in the public consultation and we are eager to obtain feedback from people with different personal, professional, cultural and disciplinary perspectives. We strongly encourage participation by our loyal DICG members, and members of professional societies and organizations that have endorsed the DoI. We also hope that you will share information about the public consultation with your colleagues, friends, members of your organization(s) and others who may be interested in participating.

Participation involves completion of an online survey in which you will be asked to review the draft **DoI (2018 Edition)** and tell us what you think of this and how it may be improved. For more information, and to participate in the survey, [please click here](#), or use this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DoI_2018_Edition

The survey will be open until April 1st, 2018.

We are also seeking feedback on a draft **Commentary Paper** which will accompany the 2018 Edition of the DoI. After you have provided feedback on the DoI (2018 Edition), we would welcome your feedback on the Commentary Paper via a second survey which is [accessible here](#): https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DoI_2018_Commentary_Paper **This survey will also be open until April 1st, 2018.**

We thank you in advance for sharing your valuable time and expertise with us. We also hope to see you at our [workshop in Madrid on July 1](#), celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the DoI, which has been supported by the Ray R. Irani Foundation. This workshop will comprise a half-day morning program addressing common ethical and clinical dilemmas in the management of organ donation and transplantation cases that may involve organ trafficking, and a half-day afternoon program exploring the DoI (2018 Edition) and the results of the public consultation.

If you have any questions about the public consultation or the Madrid workshop, please contact us at admin@declarationofistanbul.org.

With warm regards,

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