 

**Committee**: World Health Organization (WHO)

**Agenda**: Addressing ethical dilemmas and operational challenges in organ harvesting, including compliance with national and international rules requirements

**Name of the country**: Germany

Germany (Bundesrepublik Deutschland), formally The Federal Republic of Germany, is a nation located in the Western Europe, sharing borders with nine countries and surrounded by The Baltic and The North Sea. The country has a total of 357,022 sq km of land and sea mass including approximately 100 of habited minor islands. It contains a population of 84 million people living both in cities and towns. Germany is holding the position of being the largest economy in the European Union, with the GDP of a 4,45 trillion USD and with international sources stated it as one of the richest countries worlwide. Germany also is an essentially productive country with its culture and industries followed by being a well-established nation and a well-known producer.

Every year as the world progresses further more, the significant importance and the impact of organ transferring has become in a notably crucial way of saving lives. However, unlike most cases of organ donation worlwide, thousands of innocent people suffer from a wide ranging extortion of organ trafficking. Organ harvesting also known as organ trafficking, is a legally prohibited act that considers two illegal crimes which are kidnapping and organ marketing. The major of vulnerable population is the most affected segment, as they are often tricked or coerced to remove their organs for an amount of money which is mainly accepted by people who have concern for their families financial and by being on their breadline. In September 2021, The International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), published a statement about the number of acts taking place in Africa and the other nations in Asia and Middle East, confirming the actual spread of unethical harvesting, which believes to end up around 1,7 billion American dollars per-year. Nearly 10 years ago, one of the most famed universities of Germany, Georg August University of Göttingen, became the subject of a great scandal of organ harvesting. The scandal soon after reached to the whole audience of citizens, occuring a paniced and confused majority. The chief physician of the university, blamed to have rearranged datas of over 25 patients and report them as worse than they actually are. According to the Süddeutsche Zeitung newspaper, the mentioned chief physician was believed to have announced the data worse to shorten their waiting period of harvesting. German Organ Transplatation Society (DTG) held a private meeting later to discuss and examine on the growing issue. This had become the biggest scandal related to organ donation in Germany’s history.

Gradually, a new official code, where everyone would be considered as organ donors implemented in Germany soon after. The code was aimed to safely provide needed organs from people after they pass away, preventing any acts of harvesting and black marketing. For the people would not prefer to donate their organs after death hadn’t gone under any coercion and the new code started to get on act in a significant way. Although, organ harvesting in Germany was prohibited since 1990’s, after The Göttingen University scandal and a few unclear cases, this transplantation was put into effect. We, as The Federal Republic of Germany, have taken significant steps to prevent the harsh harvesting conundrum of organs and successfully maintained it to this day. As a nation; having experienced the cruel reality of organ harvesting, we strongly commit ourselves to terminate this world wide threatening issue. We are dedicated to help the European Union (EU) and The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) members where organ trafficking continues due to transplant tourism from countries like The Republic of China which is also alarming for us occasionally. Germany offers a gathering. Together, as independent countries; we must be dedicated to end harvesting, protect our citizens from unethical actions, provide welfare and safe enviroment, ensure every single person’s health and keep a detailed track of the harvesters. Thus, every nation would be more capable of fighting against and gradually ending this conundrum and provide a better future for all.

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