

Committee: Legality of Euthanasia

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Mexico, officially the United Mexican States, is a country in North America's southern hemisphere. The United States borders it on the north; the Pacific Ocean on the south and west; Guatemala, Belize, and the Caribbean Sea on the southeast; and the Gulf of Mexico on the east. Mexico is the world's 13th-largest country by area, with around 126,014,024 residents, making it the 10th-most-populous country and the country with the most Spanish-speakers. Mexico is a federation made up of 31 states plus Mexico City, the country's capital and largest city.

Euthanasia, also known as mercy killing, is the act or practice of putting people who are suffering from a terrible and incurable sickness or a physically incapacitating disorder to death without pain, or permitting them to die without treatment or artificial life-support measures. Because most legal systems do not have a specific provision for it, it is commonly seen as either suicide (if carried out by the patient themselves) or murder (if performed by another). Physicians, on the other hand, have the legal authority to refuse to prolong life in circumstances of great agony, and to prescribe painkillers even if this shortens the patient's life. Euthanasia is illegal in Mexico under the Federal Penal Code, however there is an Advance Will Law in place in many states that permits patients to refuse life-prolonging procedures.

The Advance Directive Law allows patients to refuse treatment that they no longer want and that only prolongs life and causes misery. It can be done directly or by an advance directive if you are unable to express yourself. The person discontinues treatments that are no longer effective. In January 2008, Mexico City became the first municipality in the country to pass the Advance Will Law. "In a preventive manner, any person of legal age can do so, proving their identity, electing their representatives, and expressing their will." the federal government agency says. We think that in a circumstance where a person cannot survive without medical support and the treatment will not make their life any easier, the use of euthanasia may be convenient as long as the patient is of age, in full use of their mental faculties, chooses a representative and a substitute representative, signs in front of two witnesses.

As Mexico we want to thank all delegates for their effort on trying to find solutions.