Position paper for BestMUN

Commitiee: Legality of Euthanasia

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Euthanasia, in general meaning suicide and accepted like this for the most of the people all around the world, but however the difference from suicide, euthanasia is done by the help of a physician by injecting some kind of medicines to the patient who has a terminal level of sickness and a pain with almost impossible to live with. However in general it might seem very helpful to the patient but here we need to discuss is it ethical or who will decide to end someones life?

We are here to give information about our country, Latvia’s position for euthanasia. In spring 2021 there was a voting about legalizing of euthanasia. Our parliament member of 100, 49 members voted to reject the euthanasia, 38 voted in favor, and 2 abstained.

Parliament of Latvia listened some representatives from healthcare departments and some from Christian church committees and both are advised against legalizing euthanasia and euthanasia is named as assisted suicide. Euthanasia is not legalized in Latvia, but doctors can refuse to continue the treatment of the patient.

This topic needs lot to discuss. It is not easy to come to some conclusion but we are here to express our logic on euthanasia and our government and the people of Latvia about this.

We believe everyone has right to live and get a better treatment. Choosing the easy way might seem nice but we are the creation of god, euthanasia or assisted suicide or whatever you call it, it is not the right way.