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The Fortieth World Health Assembly,

Recognizing the scientific progress achieved in human organ transplants in many Member States;

Concerned at the trade for profit in human organs among living human beings;

Affirming that such trade is inconsistent with the most basic human values and contravenes the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the spirit of the WHO Constitution;

Commending the measures taken by some Member States to regulate human organ transplants and their decision to develop a unified legal instrument to regulate these operations; 1

REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to study, in collaboration with other organizations concerned, the possibility of developing appropriate guiding principles for human organ transplants;

(2) to report to the Health Assembly on the action taken in this regard.

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