

Committee Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
PO Box 6021  
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Canberra ACT 2600  
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Dear Secretary,

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) is a professional organization representing almost 10,000 members around the world. The global burden of kidney disease plays a substantial role in creating demand for organ transplantation, and hence organ trafficking, particularly in countries and regions which lack universal health coverage and equitable access to care for end stage kidney disease.

As a parent organization of the Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group (DICG), the ISN endorses the DICG submission to the Australian Parliamentary Inquiry on Organ Trafficking. The ISN encourages Australia to take the lead on collaborative cross-border actions to address trafficking and transplant tourism within the Asian Pacific region, in partnership with governmental authorities, health professional organizations and other nongovernmental organizations within Australia and in neighbouring countries.

Yours sincerely,

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