



*Contigo Más Party*



## **RESOLUTION AGAINST LEGALISATION OF EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE, SUPPORTING UNIVERSAL PALLIATIVE HEALTH CARE**

1. Considering that all persons, irrespective of age, sex, state of health or disease, level of personal autonomy or dependence, possess an inherent and identical personal dignity and the human rights that are inherent in that dignity;
2. Considering that this dignity of a personal nature of the human being and the sacredness of human life have their transcendent basis in our universal condition of being creatures, created in the image and likeness of God;
3. Whereas all human life is valuable, inviolable and non-disposable, because each human life has an intrinsic value, regardless of the conditions of health, autonomy or dependence, degree of consciousness and the value recognized by the person, his environment, society or the legal system;
4. Considering that every sick human being has the right to health care to receive all available care to enhance his or her state of health and physical well-being and, if he or she so requests, to receive psychological, religious and spiritual care;
5. Considering that individual human freedom, which entails the autonomy to be informed and to be able to choose between the appropriate medical treatments available to treat a disease and to stop them, even at the risk of one's own life, in certain circumstances, must be respected;
6. Considering that it is the ethical and deontological duty of health professionals to respect the autonomy of their patients, to treat them appropriately in accordance with the Hippocratic oath, curing the disease when possible; and alleviating pain and discomfort when healing of the disease is not possible;
7. Whereas the right of patients to information and to participate in decisions affecting their health and medical treatment offered to them in the clinical setting, including the right to express their preferences and criteria in advance in legal advance directives, should be guaranteed;
8. Considering that it is never lawful, from a moral and deontological point of view, to perform therapeutic or medical stubbornness, consisting of putting or not suspending medical treatments or vital support for people who are kept alive artificially in situations of incurable and irreversible illness, when the medical-surgical treatment or the mechanical support or vital medicine will definitively not help the person to recover;

9. Considering it is never legitimate to suppress a human life as the means of eradicating pain or ending a situation of painful dependence;
10. Considering that suicide, aid or aid necessary to commit suicide and euthanasia, even with the consent of the person who dies, are gravely immoral because they violate the basic good of human life;
11. Considering that nutrition, hydration, whatever the way in which they are administered, are not medical treatments or artificial vital support, but are part of the basic care due, which must be maintained;
12. Considering, finally, that there is no right to death, no right to seek suicide assistance, no right to euthanasic death, and that, on the other hand, all people have the right to live, to receive the health care and treatment indicated during the illness and in the dying process; to receive palliative care that limits physical pain and moral suffering, including palliative sedation of refractory symptoms;

**We propose:**

13.- The immediate repeal of all national laws and supranational regulations that authorize or promote euthanasia or suicide assistance, so that both behaviors are prohibited by law, as well as the withdrawal of basic care and fierce or therapeutic obstinacy.

14.- Promote regulations in every nation that guarantee the right to live, from conception to natural death; the universal right to healthcare; respect for the autonomy of patients manifested in informed consent to receive and refuse treatment; and the universal right to receive health care and palliative care as well as religious or spiritual assistance to those who request it.

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