



Feminist no to surrogacy

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Statement from the General Assembly of the Swedish Women's Lobby

We, the participants of the General Assembly of the Swedish Women's Lobby, state our support for EU's policy framework to fight violence against women which was passed in the Committee of Women's Rights and Gender Equality – European Parliament on March the 15, 2011. The Swedish Women's Lobby also support the call for a special EU directive against gender-based violence where prostitution is regarded as a form of violence against women and where surrogacy is rejected.

The Swedish Women's Lobby state our strong support for the view that surrogacy is a serious problem that exploit women's bodies and reproductive organs. The Swedish Women's Lobby regards surrogacy as trafficking in women and children.

Surrogacy implicate that women's rights are negotiated (or denied) while the right of the paying mothers and fathers, and especially the right of the biological father, is guaranteed.

Representatives at the General Assembly from the following organizations:

The 1.6, 2.6 Million Club, The Dea Society of Women's Museums, Feminism & Human Rights, Forum for Finnish Women in Sweden, Fredrika-Bremer-Association (FBF), Green Women, The Left Federation of Swedish Women, Mouvement Ni putes Ni soumises, Mälardalens Women's Lobby, National Organisation for Women's and Girls' Shelters, ROKS, Swedish Association of Medical Women, The Swedish Association of Women's Shelters and Young Women's Empowerment Centres, SKR, Sweden's Ecumenical Women's Council, The Swedish Federation of Immigrant Women's Associations, RIFFI, Swedish Women's Council, Swe Q, Swedish Women's European Network, SKEN, Swedish Women's Lobby, Swedish Union of Soroptimists, UN Women National Committee Sweden, West Sweden's Women's Lobby, VSQL, Women Can, Women in the Swedish Church, Women's International League for Peace & Freedom Sweden, WILPF, Women's Lobby in the Örebro Region, Women's Organisations' Committee on Alcohol- and Drug issues, WOCAD. Member organisations that has joined the statement are Business and Professional Women Sweden BPW, International Women's Union IKF, and Winnet Sweden.