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## THE MORE THEY EAT THE MORE THEY WANT

### On the XII anniversary of Law no. 91 of 1<sup>st</sup> April 1999 regarding explants-transplants new criminal proposal under the Committee's examination

On the anniversary of the law "*on the withdrawal and transplant of organs and tissue*", the Health Committee is meddling in order to put new disciplinary regulations side by side with the law regarding "*the donation of the body post mortem, for study and research purposes*". Obviously the definitions **post mortem** is **deceptive** as much as **after death** means they ask for the organs.

The proposal under examination by Parliament is law no. 746, first signatory being Hon. Grassi Gero (PD), an official of the Puglia region, co-signatories 16 MPs of the Democratic Party. This proposal, by official declaration "*proposes the extension of that right to perform 'self-sacrifice', which has already been endorsed according to the law on the donation of organs and tissue in order to transplant*".

It regards the donation of live bodies of those who have lost consciousness and who, on the basis of protocol of State (Law 578/93), three meditechnical officials impose brain death declaration in 6 hours, in spite of a beating heart which autonomously maintains circulation and respiration with ventilator. If it were different from what we denounce, they would write "donation of a body after cardiocirculatory and respiratory arrest after 24 hours". But they are careful to avoid writing such a constraint because they play with ambiguity.

The objective is to retain (to sequester) those bodies for one year at some highly specialised hospitals and university structures for surgical, chemical and radiological tests that obviously require a live body in order to study reactions, that in a similar way happens unpunished in animal experimentation. A true cadaver would have no reactions and therefore would not be useful for experimentation. The proposers of the Bill use a camouflage of words such as *post mortem, after death, corpse, cadaver*, to try to confuse citizens.

It is evident that after the use and abuse carried out in vivisection on these living bodies by luminaries of surgery and experimentation, those tortured bodies will sooner or later true die due to cardiocirculatory and respirator arrest. It is only at this point that those bodies, finally dead, are passed on to students for anatomical dissection tests. Yet for this purpose a law (DPR 285/90) is already in force.

From the propaganda point of view of the Health services and their financed voluntary organisations, in order to confuse the truth, the local Health service where the referral Centre that has carried out the experiments is based, will pay the transport costs, as well as those of the burial. This indirect form of payment, which is forbidden for organs, therefore also for body, blackmails the needy. Poor families, driven by destitution, will even be deprived of the burial for one year making their loss even worse.

After 12 years, the "clowns" of Parliament have still not enacted the Implementation Decree of Law no. 91/99 art. 5, which regards the positive or negative expression of will organ donation. Yet nevertheless they have the nerve to propose other categorizing-traps, at the referral Centres and the Civil State offices. The Bill proposer specifies that the handwritten will states "drawn up without particular formality ... dated and undersigned by the hand of the testator ... its validity does not require the presence of witnesses or a notary". Nothing is more suitable for the falsifying of donation documents.

We have already illustrated to the Health Committee at the hearing in 2005 the absurdity of this repeat proposal and have asked for another hearing, hoping that it consists of ignorance and not of planned crime.



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(translation: National League Against the Predation of Organs and Death with a Beating Heart)