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Automatic Organ Donor Registration for Newborns

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Organisation:**

**AUF Norway, on behalf of FNSU (The Nordic Federation of
Social Democratic Youth) and the following member
organizations:**

SSU (Swedish Social Democratic Youth League)

DSU (Social Democratic Youth of Denmark)

SDY (Social Democratic Youth of Finland)

SU (Social Democratic Youth of Faroe Islands)

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4 Although many people have a positive attitude toward organ donation and all
5 major world religions permit it, far fewer actually register as donors. According
6 to a study by the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare, 8 out of 10
7 Swedes express support for organ donation, yet only 2 out of 10 are registered as
8 donors. On January 1, 2021, 884 people were waiting for an organ transplant in
9 Sweden, and 33 people died that same year while waiting. For the fourth
10 consecutive year, the number of people on the waiting list increased. Ensuring
11 that those in need of transplants survive requires a consistently high willingness
12 to donate, which cannot be taken for granted. The situation is likewise in many
13 countries of the world where the rich often can pay to bypass the waiting list by
14 paying for illegally harvested organs.

15 In the current organ donation system, a passive stance is disadvantageous; to
16 donate organs, one must actively register. In a societal norm, everyone has the
17 opportunity to opt out of donation. When the figures show that a large portion of
18 the world population is positively inclined toward organ donation, it is
19 reasonable for the norm to allow people to actively choose not to participate,
20 rather than requiring active registration.

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21 Not everyone wants to donate their organs, and this must of course be respected.
 22 It is therefore important to continue spreading clear information about how the
 23 system works, to avoid misinformation and strong reactions, such as: “*Here*
 24 *comes the state to steal your kidney.*” At the same time, it is crucial to approach
 25 the issue from a societal perspective, focusing on solutions that benefit the most
 26 people. In this case, saving lives may take precedence over the concern that
 27 someone might die with fully functional organs still intact.

28 Organ donation saves lives. This is a fact. Many people live their lives in need of
 29 functioning organs, hoping that someone has registered as a donor and passed
 30 away without damage to their organs. Unfortunately, this is rare, as few are on
 31 the lists. By implementing a societal norm for organ donation, the availability of
 32 organs can be diversified, and more lives can be saved.

33 Based on the above we propose,

- 34 ● That IUSY shall advocate for all newborns to be automatically registered
 35 in the organ donation system with the ability to opt out