

From Online Offers to Organ Trafficking:

The Need for Coordinated Action

Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group

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Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs

(Santiago de Compostela Committee)

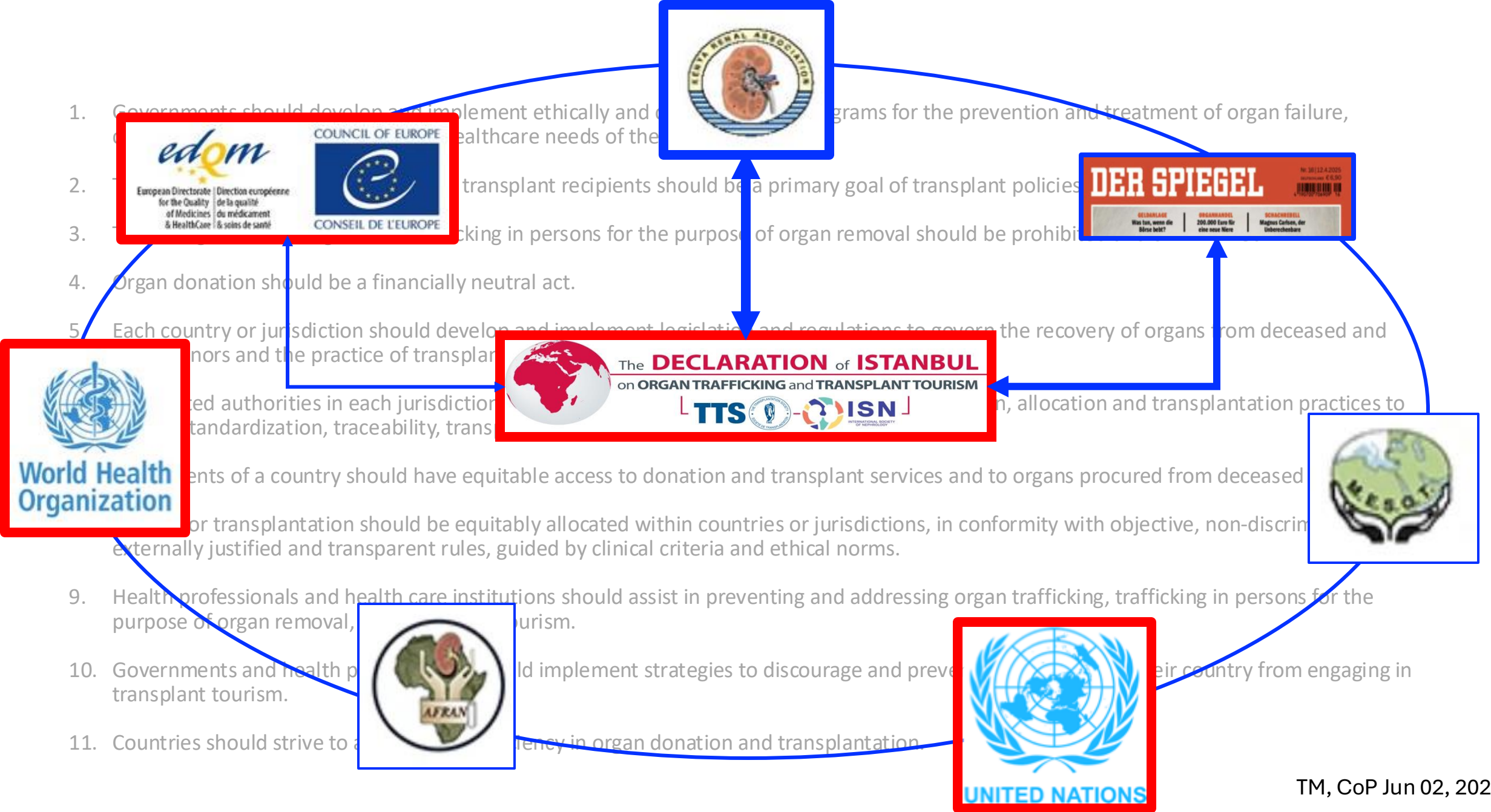
6th Plenary Meeting, Strasbourg, June 02, 2025



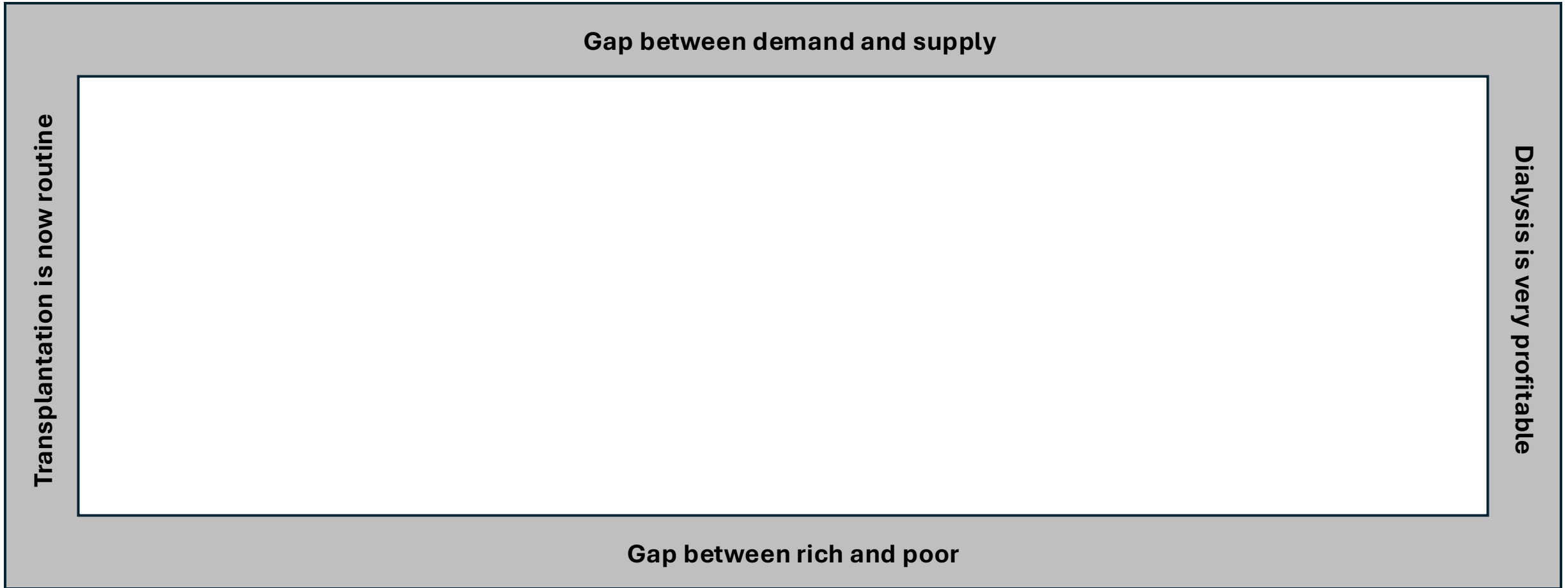
The **DECLARATION** of **ISTANBUL**
on **ORGAN TRAFFICKING** and **TRANSPLANT TOURISM**



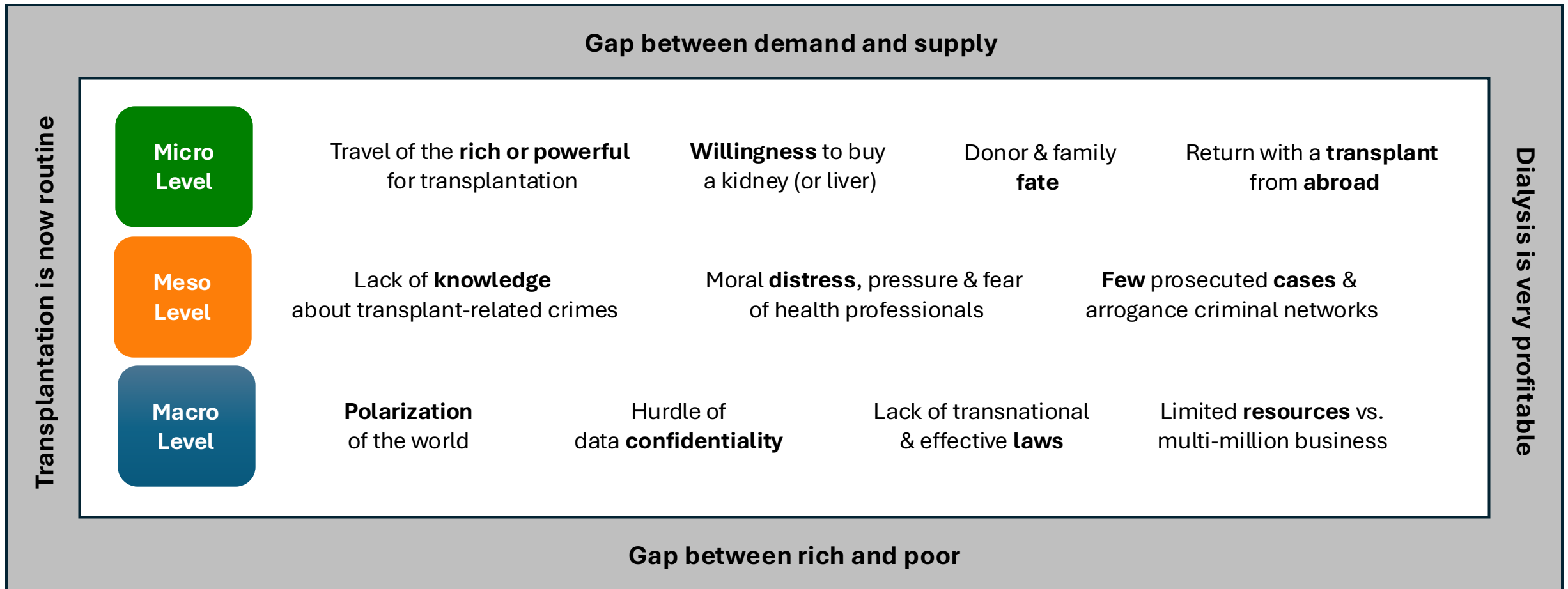
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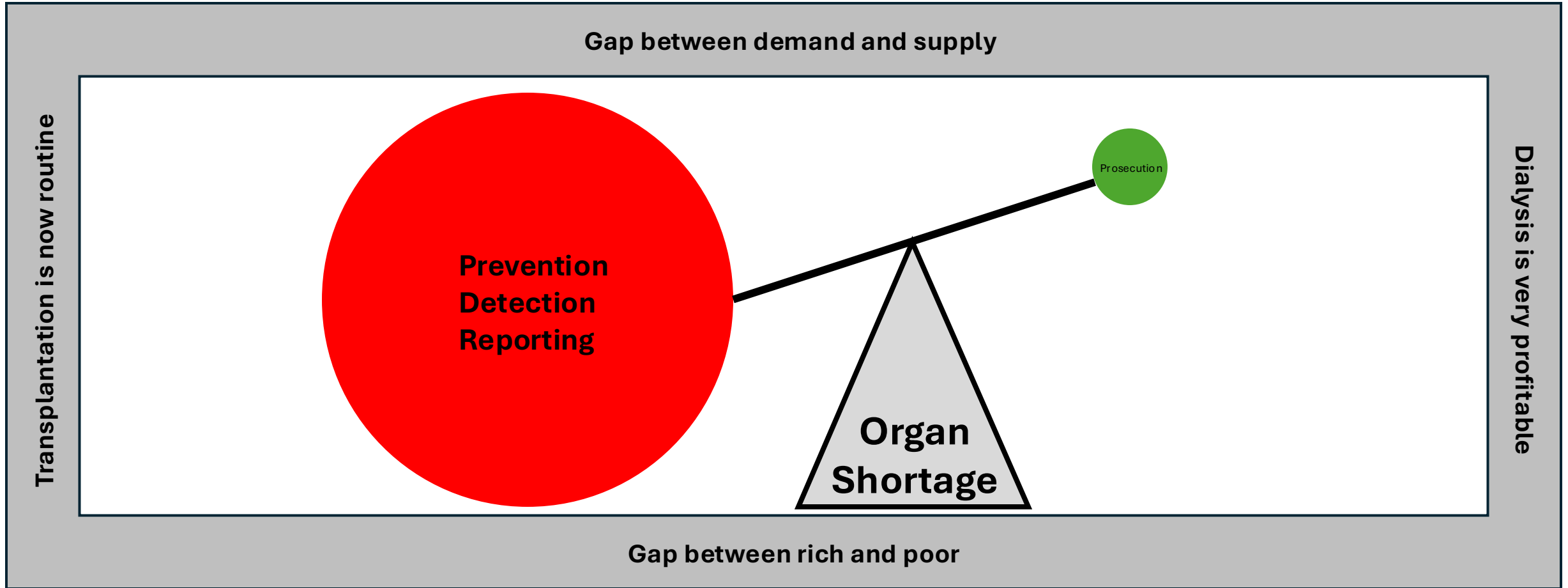
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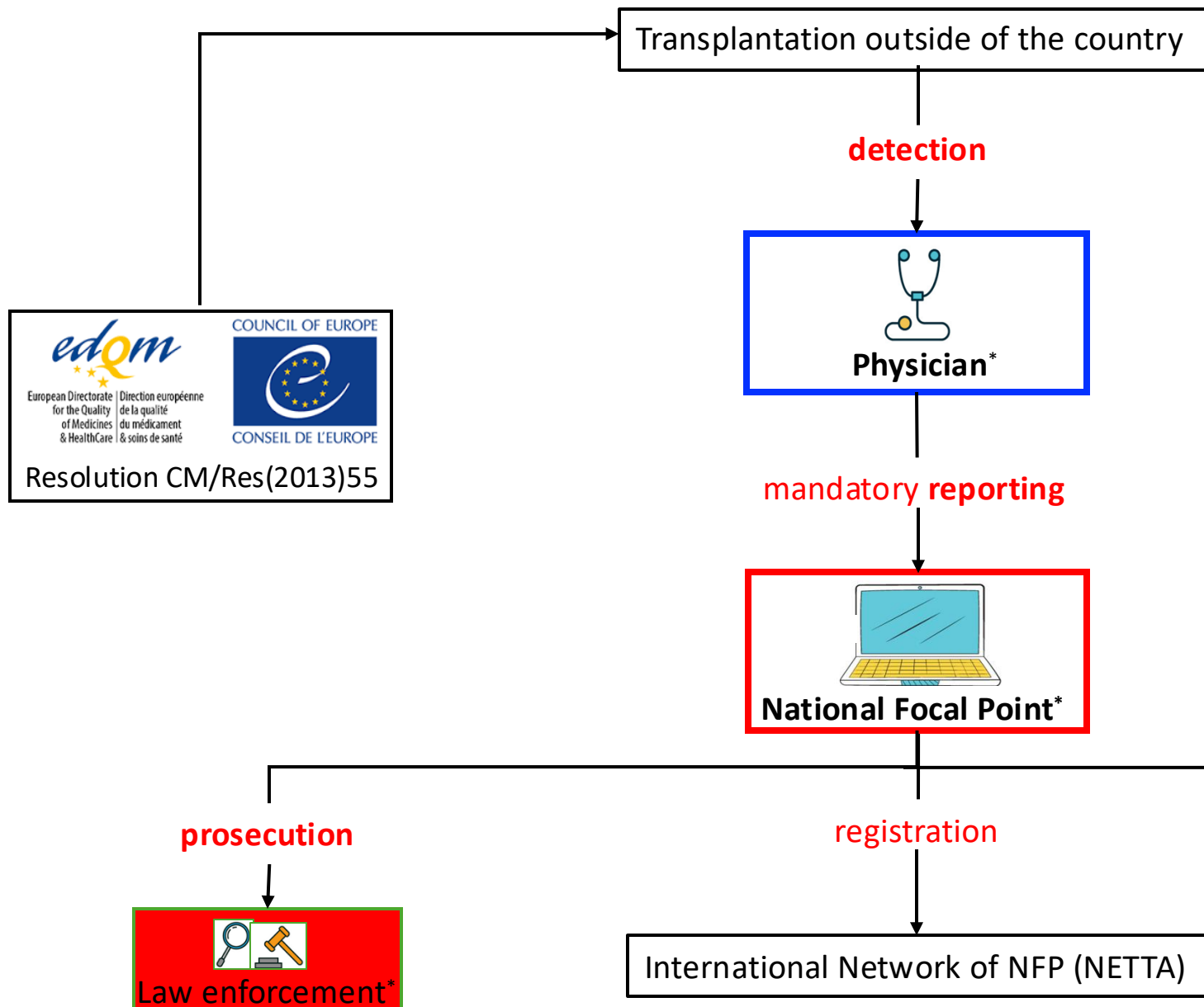


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Leading to prosecution

? India, Mexico, Syria, Kenya, ...



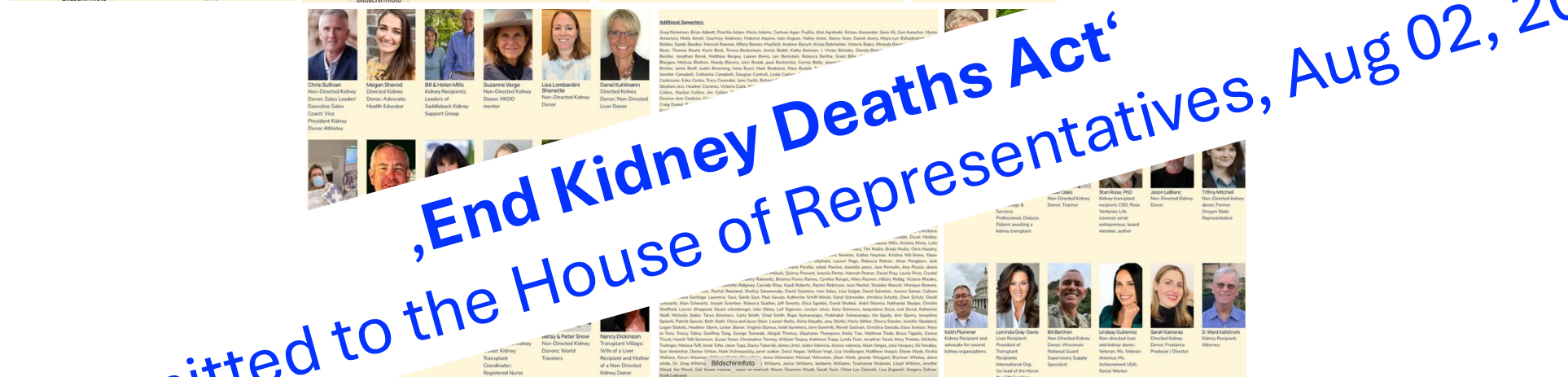
Countries globally
WHO, UNODC, EKHA,
DICG & many more ...*

collaboration

Thomas Mueller, Sep 2024
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TM, CoP Jun 02, 2025

bill submitted to the House of Representatives, Aug 02, 2024



The DICG initiated a

‘Constructive Dialogue Interrogating Boundaries of Incentives in Organ Donation’



- internal discussions
 - side-meetings
 - expert opinions
 - working groups
- 3-day workshop in CH in 2026
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