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**“Assisted Reproduction: Nordic Laws and Policies”**

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**Short commentary on Greek laws on assisted reproduction**

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Legislation on assisted reproductive techniques builds on family concepts, understandings of rights in the family, ideas on the best interests of the child and equality ideals. This presentation examines the legislative stands adopted by the Nordic countries in relation to assisted reproduction technologies in general, and surrogacy in particular. In Finland, for example, the new Act on Fertility Treatments outlawed surrogacy arrangements in 2007. Similarly in Sweden, no law directly prohibits or allows surrogacy, but surrogacy is not allowed within the Swedish healthcare system. Consequently, the issue of surrogacy is to a large extent left unregulated, and foreign surrogacy arrangements are dealt with through the mechanisms of private international law concerning the recognition of the parent-child relationship. Nevertheless, surrogacy arrangements have gradually grown more and more popular in the Nordics and the debate continues. By looking at the case law and official guidelines

on the one hand, and marketisation of surrogacy and services advertised to infertile couples on the other hand, the paper will delve deeper into the questions about wellbeing, state, family and equality in Nordic societies that pride themselves as the world’s most woman and child friendly societies.

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