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Clarification of Transcript: Please note these clarifications correspond numerically to the footnotes within the transcript.

- 1. This should read, "As long as we have medical doctors ready to assess a patient's wish for and end in life and prescribe the lethal medication when the patient asks for this, the organisations like Dignitas can conduct the accompanied suicide."
- 2. The end of this sentence should read "...violent methods, to end your suffering and life."
- 3. The first part of this sentence should read "...talk to someone who takes that person seriously..."
- 4. The middle of the sentence should read "...that suicide attempt prevention and a competent conducting of accompanied suicide, assisted dying, whatever you want to call it..."
- 5. The witness meant to say he would need to translate the document for the Committee, as it is only available in German.
- 6. The witness meant to say "show" rather than "studied".
- 7. The end of this sentence should read "...and of a slippery slope".
- 8. This sentence should end at "in the care homes".
- 9. Insert the words "argument of".
- 10. By Exit the witness is referring to Swiss organisation "Exit (Deutsche Schweiz)".
- 11. The second half of this sentence should read "after an accompanied suicide, generally no state prosecutor would go anymore to the house where it took place."
- 12. The witnesses used emotive language and wishes to clarify the statement. Based on the wording of Swiss Federal Supreme Court decision BGE 136 II 415 (translated to English by the witness) the entire sentence should read, "The Swiss Federal Supreme Court ruled on the contract he did and found that it is unlawful, without a legal base, contrary to existing law and the deficiency is obvious and serious, also harmful as to legal safety and has no validity."
- 13. This sentence should read "For this, we provide a medical file of the patient and evidence that it was his or her free will."
- 14. The first half of this sentence should read "If you have an accompanied suicide, and the state prosecution service would find some irregular acts, it would be reported to the health authorities,..."
- 15. To clarify this point, EXIT Deutsche-Schweiz has a larger membership than Dignitas, 110,000 members in Switzerland alone, with approximately 700-800 accompanied suicides per year so the percentage of EXIT Deutsche-Schweiz members is much smaller than the 3 per cent for Dignitas.
- 16. This should read "...as I have described, with technical equipment, and this still within the legal frame, and so on, ..."
- 17. The witness meant to say "but" when he said "and".
- 18. The end of this sentence should read '...when four patients chose that option instead of waiting for pentobarbital.'
- 19. This sentence should read "...not for medical or technical reasons, but for the others mentioned."