



Committee on Legal Affairs

Hearing

The law protecting children in Europe and worldwide: provisions facilitating adoptions and resolving abductions

Thursday, 25 April 2013

09:00 - 10:00

Brussels

Room JAN 4Q1, European Parliament, Brussels

09:00 – 09:05

Opening remarks on the issue of adoptions

- **Alexandra Thein**, Parliament observer at the Hague Conference on Private International Law

09:05 – 09:15

The international legal framework for adoptions

- **Laura Martínez-Mora**, Hague Conference on Private International Law

09:15 – 09:25

The problems families encounter with international adoption procedures

- **Dr Geoffrey Shannon**, Chairman of the Adoption Authority of Ireland

09:25 – 09:30

Opening remarks on the issue of international child abductions

- **Eva Lichtenberger**, Focal point for the rights of the child in the Committee on Legal Affairs

09:30 – 09:40

The operation of the 1980 Hague Convention on International Child Abduction in practice

- **Dr Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens**, Lawyer specialised in family law and child abduction issues

09:40 – 10:00

Debate

- With the participation of **Roberta Angelilli**, European Parliament Mediator for International Parental Child Abduction (tbc)