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#### 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)