

**Priority question for written answer P-000075/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: International child abduction and Brazil's compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on Child Abduction

International child abduction is a growing problem. Every country which is a party to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction of 1980 is bound by the agreements under the convention. When an international child abduction has taken place, the basic principle is that the child should be returned to the country from which it was taken as soon as possible. It is therefore of great importance that the agreements made on this matter between countries under this convention are carefully observed.

In 1999, Brazil signed the convention and has been bound by it since 1 January 2000. However, the country has a poor track record internationally with regard to compliance with the convention¹.

1. Will the European Commission urge Brazil to adhere fully to the provisions of the Hague Convention on Child Abduction and to do so with due urgency?
2. Is the European Commission prepared to urge Brazil to apply Article 13 of the convention restrictively and in line with international case-law?
3. What other measures can the European Commission take to support Brazil with regard to correctly complying with the convention?

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¹ <https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/NEWIPCAAssets/2023%20ICAPRA%20Action%20Report.pdf>