



HOW WOULD YOU FEEL..

IF YOUR CHILD BECAME A VICTIM

SO THAT OTHERS COULD BECOME PARENTS?



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Established on July 14, 2022, the organization operates as an association under the 1901 law. It has a national and international reach, with a primary focus on international adoptions spanning from 1950 to the present day, encompassing all countries of origin.

International Dimension:

Members and documents: Our organization showcases an international scope, as reflected in both its members and documents.

International inquiries: We have also received requests from the United States and England.

Affiliations and Collaborations:

We are affiliated with Initiative Justice (Europe) and FEDD (France), and we are commencing collaboration with La Liga Guatemalteca de Higiene Mental (Guatemala) and additional Guatemalan NGOs. Talks are ongoing for other source countries.



Association Objectives

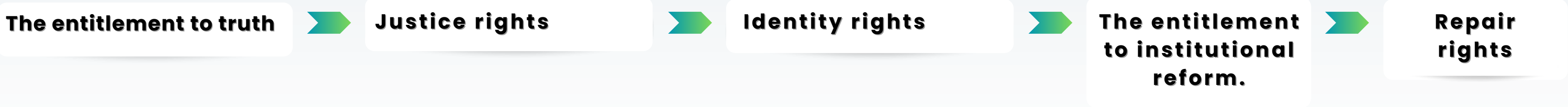
Our association campaigns and combats:

- Unlawful adoptions
- kidnappings
- Trafficking of persons
- Enforced disappearances

We collaborate with national and international associations and organizations to advocate for children's best interests and acknowledge adult survivors.

The IAM Association's Pillars

The IAM association's foundation rests on various pillars, encompassing the following:



The entitlement to truth

Understanding History:

Victims are entitled to be informed about their complete history, encompassing the circumstances, methods, and accountabilities across all entities - states (both home and host countries), institutions, private entities, and individuals such as adopters - that played a role in their adoption during childhood.

Legislative Bypass:

Victims must be informed of the methods employed by the French side to circumvent diverse legislation and regularize a situation that could not be regularized.

Request for a genuine investigation: Illegal Evidence:

Victims should have access to a thorough investigation, similar to practices in other nations. This differs from the scenario in France where the inspection mission failed to fulfill its mandate: "to uncover previous unlawful activities to prevent their recurrence and address the concerns of adoptees and the public."

Numerous documents across various files indicate that the various French actors, including the courts, could not have been unaware of the illegality of the child's presence, which will be regularized through plenary adoption.

Warning about the Inspection Mission:

IAM has consistently exercised significant caution regarding this inspection mission, which prioritizes interests other than those of the victims. IAM reiterates its stance in response to the recommendations outlined in the report subsequent to the inspection mission, as well as the adverse views previously articulated by the government regarding the limited recommendations pertaining to victims and reparations for the crimes endured.

Justice entitlement

Legal Assistance:

Offer legal assistance to individuals impacted and aid within the realm of transitional justice.

Professional Training:

Professionals, including judges, lawyers, and police investigators, should undergo training.



Victims' Justice:

We call for genuine justice for the victims and the proper criminalization of all individuals who were involved, either directly or indirectly, in the crimes against us.



Problems)

- The police officer admitted to having no knowledge of illegal adoptions when an investigation is required, and the victims need to be interviewed.
- During the inspection mission, the justice representative stated that there would be no annulment of the adoption judgments at the IAM hearing.
- Among others

Identity rights

● Complete Adoption and Identity:

An individual who has been completely integrated following the normalization - typically deemed impossible - of a series of offenses, possesses the inherent right to discover their authentic identity.

Furthermore, she is entitled to acquire all original identity documents, if available.



The entitlement to institutional reform

● Victims' Identities:

We endorse the suppression of the unlawfully established French identity.



Original

● Implementation of global declarations:

We support the endorsement of the joint declaration on illegal international adoption by United Nations experts on September 29, 2022, and the implementation of the European directive on illegal adoptions recognized as human trafficking since Directive 2011/36/EU of June 5, 2011.

● Prescription:

We advocate for adjusting the statute of limitations to align with the gravity of the offenses endured (such as kidnapping, human trafficking, forced disappearances, etc.), viewed as ongoing offenses. We suggest that, at the very least, the limitation period commences upon the victim's awareness of the events.

● DNA Testing Regulations:

We advocate for the implementation of legal provisions for the approval of supervised DNA testing. These tests uncovered a significant number of illicit adoptions globally.

In France, DNA tests are not only prohibited but also criminalized, which is distressing for a victim of illicit adoption for whom France inevitably holds some accountability.

Reparation Rights

Reparation can manifest in various forms, such as psychological, financial, and administrative. Additional forms of relief may be accessible based on the unique requirements of each individual.

● French Identity Suppression:

Individuals who have reclaimed their authentic identity documents, thereby reaffirming their true identity that was never lost, should have the ability to request the elimination of the fabricated French identity established and the fictitious parental connection.

Just as a French child who has been kidnapped and subsequently found would have their original identity maintained, the unlawfully "adopted" individual should be entitled to the same rights without an additional effort to normalize kidnapping by blending the two identities.

If the victim chooses to blend identities, that is their prerogative.



● Ongoing Maintenance:

Reparation extends beyond the past, as victims endure the repercussions of crimes throughout their lives.

The victim should have the opportunity to be laid to rest close to their family under their true identity, a scenario unattainable with full adoption or potentially leading to disputes.

● French Victims' Nationality:

French nationality should be granted to individuals who, upon their request, are willing to renounce their illegal French identity, despite their extended stay in the country not being their fault.

These individuals are not illegal migrants, but rather individuals who have fallen victim to kidnapping, human trafficking, forced disappearance, and so forth.

Illegal French identity refers to the identity assigned to an individual who has been unlawfully adopted, disregarding international adoption laws and protocols.

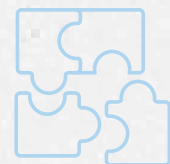
Psychological assistance

The organization aims to offer psychological assistance to enhance attentiveness and, most importantly, to better aid adopted individuals and their families across various stages to scrutinize the legality of their adoption, including investigating origins and related circumstances.

This occurred when informing adopted individuals whose identity remained unknown to us.

We are currently engaged in a project with a partner NGO that has been providing psychological support for over 70 years to individuals of Guatemalan descent.

Our aim is to offer a dual space for attentive and compassionate listening, facilitated by a psychologist knowledgeable about illegally conducted adoptions, and to provide additional personalized support through the association's founders, some of whom are either filing complaints or have ongoing legal proceedings.



Continuation of the Association's work.

Dual identity

Adoptees who reclaim their true identity encounter a multifaceted reality. They uncover the injustices they endured, narrating a distinct story from the misleading narrative presented by adoptive parents and individuals engaged in illicit adoption practices.

Normalization of illicit adoption

It is inaccurate to refer to illegal adoption when only France has legalized crimes as full adoption, with no adoption occurring in the country of origin.

This reality also encompasses additional crimes and abuse committed by adopters or individuals in their vicinity.



European Judiciary

In this context, IAM - Illegal Adoption World is involved in the Justice Initiative at the European level. It has contributed to the request and acquisition of a new European law to enhance the protection of current children and enable past victims to pursue justice.

The Intersection of Foreign Status and Unauthorized French Identity

We also aim to identify appropriate resolutions with organizations assisting foreign individuals to establish a trustworthy avenue for aiding victims facing a dual identity situation, both legally in France through an unlawfully obtained full adoption and illegally within French territory due to the absence of a valid residence permit for their original identity. The victim should be able to reintegrate fully under their true identity, without facing criminalization or being tied to a French identity. The false identity established through illegal means must be eradicated. Nonetheless, the individual should retain their French nationality, serving as a modest form of restitution as a victim.

