

The Chair
Committee on Petitions

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Mr Ruby Harrold-Claesson
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Subject: Petition No. 2434/2014 (reference to be quoted in all correspondence)

Dear Mr Harrold-Claesson,

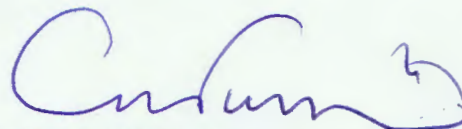
I would like to inform you that the Committee on Petitions considered your petition and decided that the issues which you raise are admissible in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, insofar as the subject matter falls within the sphere of activities of the European Union.

The committee began its examination of your petition and decided to ask the European Commission to conduct a preliminary investigation of the various aspects of the problem. The committee will continue its examination of your petition as soon as it is in receipt of the necessary information.

In fact, the Committee on Petitions has repeatedly examined petitions related to disputes concerning children being taken into care, especially in a cross-border context, and these petitions have been repeatedly discussed in meetings of the Committee. The European Commission is preparing a review of Regulation No. 2201/2003, also known as 'Brussels IIa Regulation', which relates to international family law. However, the Regulation is not applicable in Denmark. In general, though, there is no legislation on child custody and adoption at EU-level, these matters fall into the scope of national legislation.

I will keep you informed of any further action taken on your petition in due course.

Yours sincerely,



Cecilia Wikström
Chair
Committee on Petitions