

# Proposal for Skopje Spring Congress 2020

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The Skopje Spring Congress 2020 may decide:

## 1 Ethical international adoptions

2 Considering:

- 3 • That 196 countries have ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child,
- 4 • Article 9 of the Convention, which states countries responsibility that children are not  
5 taken unlawfully from their parents,
- 6 • The reports of children from Colombia being adopted against their birth parents' will,
- 7 • All other reports from individuals proving that there is a significant problem with unethical  
8 international adoptions globally,
- 9 • That not all countries value the rights of children and parents,

10 Believing in:

- 11 • A need for an international agreement to make sure all international adoptions are done  
12 ethically,
- 13 • Every child's right to their own identity and origin,

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15 Calls for:

- 16 • LYMEC and its member organisations to lobby for an international agreement on ethically  
17 conducted international adoptions based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child  
18 and every child's right to know their origin,
- 19 • A system that makes it possible to ban and punish countries for not honouring all parties  
20 right to an ethically conducted adoption.

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