

MANIFEST

INTERLANDELIJKE ADOPTIE



Critical Adoptees Front Europe

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1. The federal government shall organize a national investigation into illegal adoptions and adoption fraud to be conducted by an independent research committee.
2. The federal government officially recognizes illegal adoptions and adoption fraud.
3. The federal government expresses its regret and apologizes for the illegal adoption practices that have taken place under its responsibility.
4. The government increases the statute of limitation for adoption fraud and related crimes. These remain punishable, regardless of when the fraud has taken place.
5. The government makes sufficient efforts to significantly expand adoption-sensitive mental health care. It takes into consideration and includes all therapy and counseling (cognitive, emotional, physical, social, relational, and spiritual).
6. Mental health care must be easily accessible and free of charge during the entire life course of the adoptee.
7. Mental health care is freely available and organized independently of the adoption services.
8. Newly adopted families are followed intensively, long-term, and compulsorily in the interest of the adopted child to identify problems as soon as possible and to be able to offer an appropriate care program.
9. Adoptees receive financial contribution for a first roots journey, search for and reunification with biological relatives.
10. Adoption services are limited to the administrative arrangement and handling of outstanding adoptions.
11. Once the planned merger of the adoption services has taken place, the newly available financial resources are deployed to support post-adoption initiatives and organizations.
12. Each adoptive child receives an international DNA passport that can serve as a helpful tool to assist them in later searches for biological relatives.
13. Adoption files need to be sent to and preserved in a central archive to limit fraud committed in the receiving country and to absorb loss or deprivation of the original file.
14. The adoptee, from the age of 12, shall have free access to this central archive on simple request to consult his or her adoption file independently from a third party.
15. Victims can report adoption fraud through an independent reporting point.
16. The federal Belgian government recognizes that the current system of intercountry adoption is too susceptible to fraud and therefore no longer tenable. It suspends intercountry adoption with immediate effect.
17. The Flemish and federal authorities invest in youth protection projects and the support of vulnerable families in the countries of origin.