

## Committee on Enforced Disappearances

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### Event on the Joint Statement on Illegal Intercountry Adoptions

20 September 2023, Palais des Nations Room XXI

In September 2022, a [joint statement on illegal intercountry adoptions](#) was adopted by the Committee on Enforced Disappearances; the Committee on the Rights of the Child; the Special Rapporteurs on the Promotion of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence; on the Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children; on Trafficking in Persons; and the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances on illegal intercountry adoptions.

Illegal adoptions occur through a wide variety of illegal acts or illicit practices, such as the abduction and sale of and trafficking in children, falsification of documents, coercion and lack of proper consent, and can amount to enforced disappearances. These violations of human rights constitute serious crimes and create many victims.

One year after the adoption of their joint declaration, the five human rights mechanisms involved organise a joint event to raise awareness about the statement and its implications. [The agenda of the event](#) includes testimonies of victims of illegal intercountry adoptions (adoptees and biological parents), as well as interventions of civil society organizations that support them, States and UN experts.

We formally invite to take part to this event.

**20<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 at the Palais des Nations Room XXI**

The event is open to all those who are interested, and we hope to count with your presence. Please register on INDICO (<https://indico.un.org/event/1001843/>) to request access to Palais des Nations

*If you can't join us in person, you can follow the event online via [UN TV](#) (English, French, Spanish).*

