

The Dark Side of Adoption

Documentary film screening and debate
in the presence of European Commission whistle-blower Roelie Post

Wednesday 7 November, 16:30 - 18:30 hours

European Parliament, room ASP 1G2

Hosted by MEPs Dennis de Jong and Ana Gomes

Coffee, tea and light snacks available from 16:00 hours

- 16:30 hours Welcome and introduction by MEPs Ana Gomes and Dennis de Jong
- 16:40 hours Screening of the documentary “The Dark Side of Adoption”. Nelufar Hedayat uncovers the shocking reality behind cases of international adoption where the world’s poorest children are turned into products, and where rules of demand and supply prevail above the best interest of the child and its family.
- 17:25 hours Testimonies of former Commission civil servant Roelie Post and Arun Dohle, executive director of ACT, againstchildtrafficking.org: *corruption in inter-country adoption procedures*.
- 17:40 hours Michael Moran, Former INTERPOL Assistant Director, Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Unit. *How to effectively combat the organised crime behind the facades of international adoption?*
- 17:50 hours Laura Martinez-Mora, Principal Legal Officer in charge of the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption, Hague Conference on Private International Law. *What can receptive countries do to guarantee that the best interest of the child is being served, and that trafficking in human beings will no longer take place?*
- 18:00 hours Panel debate: what role for the EU and the EU Member States?
- 18:20 hours Concluding remarks by MEP Dennis de Jong
- 18:30 hours End



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