

Statement from DKRG:

Denmark stops for international adoptions

The Danish Korean Rights Group is very satisfied with the DIA's and the Minister of Social Affairs' decisions to close international adoptions.

Since August 2022, DKRG has put a massive focus on illegal and problematic adoptions to Denmark and has pointed out that Denmark's international obligations and human rights must be respected.

The decisions of the DIA and the Minister of Social Affairs demonstrate in themselves how problematic international adoptions are.

DKRG hopes that this puts a permanent end to international adoptions to Denmark, and that the demand from Danish childless persons is not once again allowed to displace consideration for the best interests of the child, and that children are once again made into international commodities.

For the future, DKRG does not hope that the consideration of profit will once again be allowed to surpass the consideration of the child and his biological family and once again lead to the authorities and decision-makers turning a blind eye to human trafficking.

The decisions of the DIA and the Minister of Social Affairs emphasize the need for a proper impartial investigation as proposed by the UN. An unbiased examination of both the historical facts and the legal conditions.

Denmark's more than 20,000 internationally adopted and our families have a right to know the truth about international adoptions to Denmark, and that responsibility is placed for decades of international adoptions right up to today.

On top of DIA's and the Minister of Social Affairs' decisions, there is a need for a proper and professionally founded post adoption service in Denmark.

Denmark's adoptees have the right to gain insight into our true background information and, not least, the right to compensation for the illegalities that adoptees have been exposed to.

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