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Dear Mr. Bergmann,

Thank you for your e-mail of 17 August 2009 sent to the Vice President of European Commission Mr. Jacques Barrot, which was transmitted to my office for reply on 16 September.

I confirm that the study on adoption ordered by the Commission has been completed during August 2009. The study will be published in due time but the first occasion to know about its findings will be the conference entitled "**Challenges in Adoption Procedures in Europe: ensuring the best interests of the child**", jointly organized by the European Commission and the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on 30 November and 1st December 2009.

You will receive in the next days a formal invitation to the conference. Please note that, considering the large number of requests and the limited capacity of the meeting room, only one person per NGO will be allowed to participate. The Commission will cover travel and hotel costs for the representative of Nordic Adoption. You don't have to book anything; the travel agency will contact you in the next weeks.

Also the European Parliament has recently published a study on adoption between Member States of the European Union. You can send an e-mail to Ms Joanna Apap (joanna.apap@europarl.europa.eu) asking for a copy.

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You will find below the contact details of Ms Patrizia De Luca, who deals with international adoption issues and also with the organisation of the conference.

Yours sincerely,



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