



# Children's Rights Council



## of JAPAN

### The Best Parent is Both Parents!

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## PETITION FOR JAPAN TO COOPERATE ON INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION ISSUES

We estimate that over 10,000 children of foreign national parents have been abducted to and/or retained in Japan by Japanese citizens. Japan's official policy does not support the rights of these children or their left-behind families.

Japan has tailored its legal and diplomatic process to support the Japanese kidnappers and alienate the left-behind parents. This creates the opportunity for its citizens to ignore the laws and court orders of the United States and other nations worldwide.

After 27 years, Japan is still the only G7 nation that refuses to sign the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

We ask that all branches of the U.S. government support the CRC and encourage Japan to change its handling of international kidnappings by complying with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. Through Congressional hearings, diplomatic efforts, and judicial rulings protective of the rights of American children it is our goal to ensure that every child has frequent and meaningful contact with both parents.

Signed petitions will be submitted regularly to the executive branches of the U.S. and Japanese governments.

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Please sign and mail this petition to CRC Japan at the address above.