

UKRAINE'S ULTIMATE GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION

- Dedicated to all Ukrainian mothers living abroad -

If you have mistakenly married a stupid foreigner and given birth to a common child, confess your error and correct it decisively. We will help you in a way that fully preserves your motherhood. We welcome you back to your beloved Ukrainian motherland. And we will do everything to keep your child's indignous foreign father down - or out.

If you do not believe us, look at the attachments: Read first the Hague Convention on International Child Abduction and then what our courts and authorities have skillfully made of it (latest in the cases of Sabina Mertens and Emil Jung - and, please, let us change their unpatriotic surnames soon). In those 70 progressive years of Soviet rule, we have developed true mastery in bending and perverting law of which any mafia state in the world should envy us.

1. If you are dissatisfied with your boring or painful life abroad, pretend a short-term visit to your relatives in beautiful and prosperous Ukraine. Especially those fascist German fathers cannot be betrayed enough on the true purpose of your trip.

Do not return from Ukraine. We will never ask you how selfish or mad your reasons are for hiding and retaining the child. By default, we will suppose the most noble and honest motives on your side. The bad people are always the fathers, and the foreign ones among them are beyond any (!) discussion. So we agree with you: The loss of such father will certainly not harm your child's welfare.

2. We will protect you from any pervasive inquiry, interrogation or prosecution - be it by foreign authorities (on your husband's request) or by some misguided law-abiding elements in our own apparatus (which unfortunately have not been wiped out completely).
3. If your husband dares to show up in Ukraine to claim his father's rights, believe us, he will feel in which discipline we are second only to Mother Russia herself: We will lock him - and let him starve - in a myriad of bureaucratic procedures, limitations, evasions. Overcoming them will cost your husband years of his life. We will bury him under monumental piles of case-related documents (most of them, ironically, to be submitted by your husband himself) and exhaust him physically, mentally and financially by endless delays and postponements.

If he still has not given up after two years, our highly trained Soviet Appeal and Cassation Court juries will knock him out finally. They especially dislike (and ignore) international law and will find always (widely unknown) administrative rules by which mother's rights prevail over father's ones (even if it outcriingly stands against the equality principle of our own Family Code - but do not mind too much ...). And those courts are unbeaten in denying the undeniable and in hiding the most obvious - such as the foreign residential status of your child and the exclusive competence of foreign courts for final custody settlements.

If this is not enough, lie as much as you can at the court hearings - about your husband's alcoholism, violence, adultery, pedophilia etc etc. Employ your fantasy, as a dark-story writer would do - never ever will our loyal judges ask you for evidence ! And our Children's Issues Offices will be pleased to make your version the only official and credible one. They hate foreign fathers anyway, and they (rightfully) do not have the slightest intention to hear those bothering aliens before issuing their unanimous pro-mother reports and recommendations.

In any critical event, you can trust in unconditional Soviet women solidarity within our apparatus, and our male officials are always ready to follow suit (since they know about effective punishments for inobedience).

4. As a special courtesy to you, we will directly or indirectly bar your husband from access to your child (although by this damn international law his parental rights cannot be renounced officially - even if we would like to do so with patriotic passion). Whenever he applies for the implementation of his parental rights, we will tell him (truthfully), that we have no competence to do so against your will. We will carefully teach him that Ukraine's signature under this unnatural Hague Convention is just ornamental and that our legal theatre about it is part of Ukraine's rare entertainment to the outside world.

And if your husband ever tries to solve his problem himself forcefully (as any proud Ukrainian father would do in his place), we will lock him up. But do not worry: We will release him in time, so that he can continue to earn aliments for you. You should try to extract 4-digit monthly payments (in €, not in Hr) from him in return for the (never fulfilled) promise that he can see your child once in ten years. Anyway, you will have all the time you need to totally alienate your child from him. Tell your child he is a violent drinker (quite credible in an average Ukrainian environment) - or even dead. Prevent your child from learning your

husband's language (that is what we hope you would do anyway ...) Our state bodies will not compromise whatever you want to keep secret before your child.

Aren't we a perfect mafia state - and a highly effective sponsor of international child abduction (what nasty word for our noble child-repatriation service) ?

You know - the best of it:

- A. Our service is absolutely free for you. All the burden will be put on your husband.
- B. The stupid European Union from where we "re-import" the most of our lost sons and daughters without their fathers' consent, will never complain too much - or punish us by renouncing the generous subsidies which keep us alive. We will keep smiling to the West, promise reforms of our legal system (although it is working so reliably) - and do nothing.

Yours faithfully

The glorious State of Ukraine

PS. Never forget: Silnishi razom - together we are stronger ! ;-))