

No. 31922. CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND CO-OPERATION IN RESPECT OF INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION. CONCLUDED AT THE HAGUE ON 29 MAY 1993¹

RATIFICATION

Instrument deposited with the Government of the Netherlands on:

28 May 1997

SWEDEN

(With effect from 1 September 1997.)

With the following declarations:

“The Government of Sweden declares, in accordance with Article 22.4, that adoptions of children habitually resident in Sweden may only take place if the functions of the Central Authorities are performed by public authorities or bodies accredited under Chapter III.

In accordance with Article 13 of the Convention:

The Swedish National Board of Intercountry Adoptions (NIA) shall be the Central Authority referred to in Article 6.1, and discharge the duties imposed by the Convention upon such authorities, unless otherwise specified in a law or other enactment.

Swedish law prescribes that applications referred to in Article 14 of the Convention shall be made to the Social welfare committee in the municipality in which the applicant resides.

The social welfare committee shall

- a) Prepare reports pursuant to Article 15.1 of the Convention,
- b) Examine issues regarding agreements pursuant to Article 17.c of the Convention,
- c) Take measures pursuant to Article 21 of the Convention.

If an accredited body is engaged to handle the adoption, the accredited body shall

- a) In accordance with Article 15.2 of the Convention submit reports referred to in Article 15.1,
- b) In accordance with Article 16.2 of the Convention receive reports referred to in Article 16.1,
- c) Take measures, which according to Articles 18-20 of the Convention are imposed upon the Central Authority.

The accredited bodies are:

- Förbundet Adoptionscentrum (AC),
(Eng: The Adoption Centre/Swedish Society for International Child Welfare)
Box 1520, S-172 29 Sundbyberg
- Familjeföreningen för Internationell Adoption (FFIA),
(Eng: Family Association for Intercountry Adoption)
Box 12027, S-402 41 Göteborg
- Barnen Framför Allt – Adoptörer (FBA-A),
(Eng: Children Above All-Adoption)
Kronhusgatan 16, S-411 05 Göteborg

¹United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1870, No. I-31922, and annex A in volumes 1885, 1887, 1893, 1897, 1906, 1930, 1956, 1964 and 1972.

- Barnens vänner- Internationell adoptionsförening (BV),
(Eng: Swedish Friends of Children, International Adoption Society)
Nygatan 35 D, S-941 33 Piteå
- Adoptions-Gruppen Skaraborg (AGS),
(The organization has no English name)
Box 177, S-522 24 Tidaholm
- Adoption & Child care Association (ACCA),
(The organization does not have a Swedish name)
Box 7089, S-152 05 Södertälje.

In accordance with Article 23.2 of the Convention:

The Swedish National Board of Intercountry Adoptions (NIA) shall issue the certificates referred to in Article 23.1, when the adoption has taken place in Sweden or when a foreign adoption ruling has been converted here according to Article 27 of the Convention.”

Certified statement was registered by the Netherlands on 16 June 1997.
