

SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD IN FINLAND

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Finnish and Russian media have for years been covering shocking materials about severe human rights violations against mothers and children in Finland. The Finnish government cannot deny the fact that the United Nations Committee of the Rights of the Child criticizes every year Finland of severe violations of the rights of the child, but without any reaction from the Finnish officials. In addition, the United Nations Committee against Torture is constantly criticizing Finland of inhumane psychiatric treatment. Many Finnish human rights activists are talking about trade with children: the private children's homes and foster families are utilizing a corrupt system to gain maximum profit with seized children. The Finnish government cannot deny the fact that nobody is controlling private children's homes in Finland. The Finnish officials provide no reliable statistics about the number of seizure children or private children's homes. A recent number says there are approximately 17,000 seized children in Finland. The new Finnish law on "child protection" gives the authorities right to seizure children without court order or evidence. The private children's homes are using various kinds of punishments, including "carpet therapy", meaning wrapping the child into a carpet. The Finnish government cannot deny the fact that the "carpet therapy" is officially accepted means of co-called child protection in Finland. In addition, the private children's homes are using prison chambers to punishing children. A Finnish human rights activist Mr. Lari Kunnas posted into YouTube a shocking video showing 2 Finnish social workers and 2 police fetching his children from home without showing him any court order or written document. Recently A group of Finnish human rights activists (Mrs. Tiina Liljeberg, Mrs. Birgitta Wulf-Luhtanen, Mrs. Sirpa Aho, Mrs. Solveig Holmström and Mrs. Ani Leikonniemi) wrote a letter to the Russian children ombudsman Mr. Pavel Astakhov demanding for help, because the Finnish children's ombudsman Mrs. Maria Kaisa Aula has never done anything to improve the situation. Recently the inhuman treatment of children in Finland has become an issue of concern for Russian Federation. The Finnish government cannot deny the fact that Finnish diplomats assisted in illegal abduction of under-aged Russian citizen Anton Salonen, who was smuggled in a trunk of a Finnish diplomatic vehicle from Russia to Finland. Finnish government cannot deny the fact that Finnish diplomats did not have any legal rights to assist in the abduction or contraband in the trunk of the Finnish diplomatic car of a Russian child Anton Salonen. In Finland, the illegally abducted child Anton Salonen was then prohibited to speak his mother tongue Russian or carry out any actions in relation to his Orthodox religion, including a prohibition to pray. Another example discussed between Finland and Russia is the seizure of four children from a Russian mother Anastasiya Zavgorodnyaya in Finland, including the seizure of a newborn child, with a prohibition to breast-feed the newborn. The Finnish government cannot deny the fact that the Finnish authorities did not have any clear motivation to this inhuman action. Very often the Finnish officials are misusing psychiatry against mothers or human rights activists, who are trying to protect the rights of the child against the private child trade industry. In the case of Kauko Oranen, the Finnish father has lost the contact to his two Russian daughters and the Russian wife Oksana Loginova for more than 10 years, all of whom are institutionalized, without any clear motivation or proper court order. An Australian father Mr. Warren McLachlan has lost 2 children to the Finnish private child trade industry. The boys, holding Australian citizenship, are drugged in Finnish private children's homes already for more than 10 years without any right investigate the situation. For preventing future violations, the Russian Federation has tried for years to establish a mutual expert commission for family rights with Finland. The Finnish government cannot deny the fact that Finland has constantly refused to establish the commission or to have any co-operation in the field. We should confront the fact that the modern private child trade industry, with uncontrolled seizure of thousands of children with unclear grounds, is a sign of a new ideology of hate: the hate against families and hate against children. We should remember that anti-semitism, xenophobia or neo-nazism are not the only nor principal means of hate. You have just to read the writings of the French feminist Simone de Beauvoir to understand that the modern feminism has

transformed into an ideology of hate against women and children. The Finnish government cannot deny the fact that today they are one of the main advocates of that hate against women and children. Thank you for your attention.