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Mr Thomas HAMMARBERG
Commissioner for Human Rights
Council of Europe

Mr Marcin LIBICKI
Chairman of the Committee on Petitions
European Parliament

Conc. **Bamberg Declaration**
on German youth welfare offices (Jugendämter) and the ECHR

Dear Mr Hammarberg, dear Mr Libicki,

Both of you are monitoring the respect of Human Rights and the Rule of Law by Germany.

That is why I submit you the Bamberg Declaration concerning violations of the European Convention on Human Rights within the framework of the German child and youth protection, especially by youth welfare offices (Jugendämter). These are not isolated cases but show the problem of a whole system.

Alerted by German citizens I am dealing with this matter since the beginning of 2007 and I am deeply worried about what is going on. By reading the Bamberg Declaration you will notice that the problem is very complex and that it has also an economic aspect.

The problem of unjustified removal of children imposed by public authorities is a serious problem also in many other countries.

Thus, in the **United Kingdom** a Government inquiry into Dr David Southall taking place at this very moment wants to find out if parents were falsely smeared as child abusers so that their children could be put into care and misused for medical experiments. Please give attention also to this matter.

I propose to give references and witnesses, some of them having made an application to the European Court of Human Rights or a petition to the Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament.

Thanking you in advance for your attention and cooperation.

President

Att. Bamberg Declaration in German (orig.) and English