

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN
AND
THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN
THE UNITED STATES
ON COOPERATION ON INTERNATIONAL PARENTAL CHILD ABDUCTION**

The American Institute in Taiwan (“AIT”), and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (“TECRO”), each a “Participant” and collectively, the “Participants,”

Firmly convinced that the interests of children are of paramount importance in matters relating to their custody,

Desiring to protect children internationally from the harmful effects of their wrongful removal or retention and to encourage their prompt return to the territory of their habitual residence,

Declare their intent in this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to this effect, and have set forth the following understandings:

SECTION 1

DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) For AIT, the Designated Representative is identified as the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the United States Department of State. For TECRO, the Designated Representative is identified as the Ministry of Health and Welfare.
- (b) The Participants, through their Designated Representatives as appropriate, intend to cooperate with each other and promote cooperation to encourage the prompt return of children wrongfully removed to or retained in territories of the Participants, to encourage amicable resolution of the issues, and to achieve the other objectives of this MOU.

SECTION 2

JOINT COMMISSION

- (a) The Participants hereby establish a “Joint Commission to Address International Parental Child Abduction,” hereinafter “the Joint Commission.” The Joint Commission includes a representative from each of the Participants who is an identified point of contact on the issue of international parental child abduction, as well as representatives who are identified points of contact in their Designated Representatives. The Joint Commission may invite other participants as mutually decided on a case-by-case basis.

- (b) The Participants intend to convene Joint Commission meetings at least once every six months, and at other times as the need arises. They may mutually decide to meet through digital video conferencing or conference calls. The Joint Commission may also choose to meet less often if the Participants so decide.
- (c) The Joint Commission is intended to strengthen and develop cooperation in efforts to resolve international parental child abduction cases, the outcome of which may result in future arrangements between the Participants.
- (d) The Participants intend to prepare a proposed agenda for each meeting and decide on a date, time, and location of a meeting two months prior to the date of the meeting.

SECTION 3

FACILITATING COMMUNICATION

- (a) Where appropriate, the Participants intend to consider taking the following measures, through and/or in consultation with the Designated Representatives as needed:
 - i. Keep each other informed of abductions cases, as appropriate;
 - ii. Encourage amicable resolution of the issues between the parties to an abduction case;
 - iii. Encourage the exchange of contact information for entities that may be able to assist with discovering the whereabouts of a child who has been wrongfully removed or retained;
 - iv. Provide such administrative arrangements as may be necessary and appropriate to encourage the safe return of the child;
 - v. Keep each other informed with respect to the operation of this MOU and endeavor to eliminate any obstacles to its application.

SECTION 4

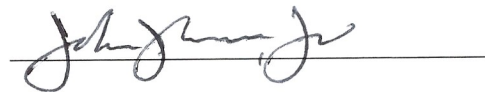
FINAL TERMS

- (a) This MOU creates no legal rights or obligations.
- (b) The Participants intend to consult to resolve any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this MOU.
- (c) This MOU may be modified by written decision of the Participants.

(d) This MOU is intended to become operative upon the date of its signature by both Participants. The MOU may be discontinued at any time, but a Participant is expected to provide six months written advance notice of its intent to discontinue the MOU.

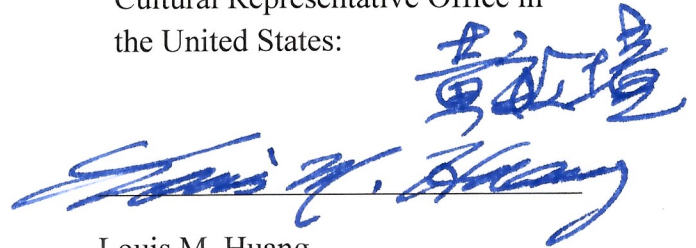
Signed in duplicate at ARLINGTON, VA on this 12th day of APRIL, 2019 in the English language.

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