

# EXPERT MEETING ON TRANSNATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION

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# NORWAY

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- **Ratified the 1980 Child abduction convention in 1988.**
- **Will probably ratify the 1996 Child protection convention next spring (2015)**
- **Appointed a network judge about ten years ago.**



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# ESTABLISHING JURISDICTION

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- I regularly experience that more than one country considers that they have jurisdiction.
- Accession to the 1996-convention can help to ensure that proceedings regarding children are only handled in one member state.



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# GATHERING AND VALIDATING INFORMATION

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- **The requirement for speed is of importance for the information gathering.**
- **The abductor is requested to comment on the application for return.**
- **Hearing**
- **Use of experts**
- **Gather information on protective measures and services**



# HEARING THE VIEWS OF THE CHILD

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- **Norwegian courts shall clarify the child's views.**
- **About the terms that are relevant to the return case**



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# WORK GOING ON IN NORWAY

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**The Ministry of Justice and Public Security is working on a complete review of the legislation, organization and management of child abduction cases in Norway – considering measures to achieve a better handling of the cases.**



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# ESPECIALLY RELEVANT FOR THE COURT

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- **Concentration of jurisdiction**
- **Mediation model**
  
- **The Ministry will hopefully present the proposed changes by the end of 2015.**



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# QUESTIONS

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