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We, the Romanian Community in Brussels and other cities in Belgium, together with other residents and Belgian citizens, are gathered today, July the 9th, 2016, here in the European Quarter, to protest peacefully against abuses made by the child care services in the UK, Norway, Finland and Denmark!

On 16 November last year, agents from Barnevernet, the service for child protection in Norway, kidnapped the Bodnariu children: Eliana and Naomi from school, Matthew and John from home, and the next day the baby Ezekiel from his mother's breast.

Until June 17th, this year, due to numerous protests held in many countries over six months, all Bodnariu's five children were released and returned to their parents. This is evidence that the children separation from their parents has been an abuse of Barnevernet. But this is also a testimony that Romanian's solidarity, in their country and abroad, which was manifested against these cruel actions, managed to defeat a draconian and corrupt system that persecutes innocent children in the name of their welfare.

On 20th of June this year in London, the Barbu family's children, Diana and Andy, taken over by the service for child protection, were abusively handed, by a court decision, to a British gay couple. This decision contravene the Convention on the Rights of the Child adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 20 November 1989 and ratified by Romania through the Law 18 from 1990. The Article 20, paragraph 3 is stated: "*In choosing one of these solutions (of protection) is necessary to be taken into account the continuity of a child's education and his ethnic, religious, cultural and linguistic origins*".

On 1st of February this year, Nan family received the final decision from Norway's authorities in which was stated that they have lost the parental rights on their own children, Bianca and Dragoș, which Barnevernet kidnapped on October 27th, 2015. Children were last seen by their parents on 31st of May, mentally manipulated, bruised and crying after them. The Nan couple is threatened today with imprisonment.

On 12th of January 2015 the Avrănescu-Cruz couple in Norway, with hearing disabilities, won the right in court to have their two children Roberto and Adrian returned, which Barnevernet had kidnapped on March the 19th, 2014. But Barnevernet, although its abuse has been proven by the Norwegian court, continues to refuse the return of the children under the guise of the parents' disability. More than that, the police initiated proceedings to expel the mother from the country. Today, Avrănescu-Cruz couple is definitive sentenced to two months in prison. The father was imprisoned this week, on the 4th of July, and the mother is to be imprisoned until the end of this month.

On 16th of May this year of Dr. Camelia Smicală in Finland, who had won in court the parental rights on her children, who were abducted savagely by the service for child protection in 2015 and returned in the same year to their mother, were again taken now by the child protection services under the pretext that they have a too close relationship with their mother.

Andreia Brădeanu in UK continues to fight in court to recover her three children kidnapped by the child protection service in 2009. The children fell ill due to separation suffering and the mother is accused of indoctrinating her children with Christian education and is now threatened with imprisonment.

In 2014, Hermina Gheorghe from Denmark had her baby, who was not older than 10 weeks, kidnapped, by the Danish child welfare services under the guise of maternal depression.

By these facts:

- They have violated basic general child and human rights.
- Romanian families who have chosen to raise their children according to basic Christian principles are discriminated and persecuted.
- Children were violently separated from their natural parents in a total disregard for the natural love between them.
- Children were not listened when they complained and asked to be returned to their natural parents.
- Children were heard only when they accused their parents as they were encouraged and manipulated by child protection service agents.
- Since they were abducted from their natural parents, some children were visibly bruised and scratched.
- It has caused much pain and suffering to these parents and children who were blackmailed, manipulated and traumatized in total disregard of freedom and democracy promoted in these countries.

Perpetrators of such acts are against international laws and treaties, defy logic and common sense, are against natural parenting, against truth and first, against God. Those who commit such blatant acts of barbarism, unworthy of European civilization, rely cunningly on the best interest of the child, which they distort in their own interest.

We support the best interest of the child who is to live with the biological parents that love him and no surrogate family can replace the natural parents.

We call on the UK, Norwegian, Finnish and Danish authorities to reconsider these cases and find solutions that take into account the fundamental right of the minor children to be brought up in their natural family or, where appropriate, at least in the extended family.

We support the right of these children, who have Romanian citizenship, to be repatriated. No state has the right to dispose at will of these Romanian citizens.

Meeting today in the capital of Europe, we require the European Union institutions support for all these children to be returned to their natural parents.