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### **RE: Domenic Johansson (Sweden)**

Dear Mr. President,

I write this letter on behalf of the Alliance of Romania's Families, a not-for-profit organization organized under the Laws of Romania which is dedicated to protection of the family, parental rights and children's rights. Through various media outlets we have become aware of the plight of nine year old Domenic Johansson, who was taken from his family when they boarded an airplane bound for India where the family was relocating to perform charity work with orphanages (Domenic is also an Indian citizen through his mother's family). No crime had been committed and nor was any physical abuse alleged. The sole contention of the state was that Domenic was being home educated.

During its domestic claim the family was not even allowed to use the lawyer of its own choosing in challenging the state care measures. Nearly two years later Domenic continues to be separated from his family.

From these same media reports we have become aware that the family has received no answer from the European Court since it filed its application in June 2010, not a case number nor an answer to its request for emergency measures.

The Alliance of Romanian Families would like to register its voice of solidarity with the Johansson family. It would also request that the Court show greater expediency in dealing with at least the request for emergency measures and provision of a case number. The proper resolution of this case is of utmost institutional importance to Romanian families, home educators and the protection of both parental and children's rights.

Best regards.

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