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reunite to intervene in a case before the Grand Chamber in the European Court of Human Rights

reunite International Child Abduction Centre has been granted leave to intervene in the case of X v Latvia, which is before the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, on 10th October 2012.

An increasing number of cases under the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention are coming before the European Court of Human Rights and for some time now reunite has been concerned that some aspects of the Court’s jurisprudence may be being applied inappropriately and in a manner which is inconsistent with the principles of the 1980 Hague Convention.

reunite’s basis for intervening is to assist the Grand Chamber in considering the general approach taken to the examination and subsequent determination of the welfare of an individual child in international child abduction cases and we hope that our intervention will be of assistance to the Grand Chamber in clarifying the relevant applicable principles.

reunite is grateful to Henry Setright QC of 4 Paper Buildings, to Edward Devereux of Harcourt Chambers and to Michael Gration also of 4 Paper Buildings, to Nuala Mole of The AIRE Centre, and to Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE and Carolina Marin Pedreno of Dawson Cornwall, all of whom are acting for reunite pro bono in this matter.

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