

PRESS RELEASE

Global Expats Denounces Lack of Due Diligence of Spanish Authorities

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Washington, DC – Founder of Global Expats, Quenby Wilcox, announced today that she is again soliciting the assistance of the American Embassy in Madrid requesting that they invoke art. 5 & 36 of the Vienna Convention of Consular Relations (VCCR), inter alia, officially protesting to the refusal of appropriate public authorities in Spain to investigate allegations against legal counsel in my case.

The Vienna Convention of Consular Relations clearly and compellingly provides Consulates with the power and authority to assure that my rights and those of my children were respect during all judicial and extra-judicial meetings, communications, and/or decisions, calling attention to art. 5 & 36 of the VCCR:

- *Art. 5 – Consular functions consist in: (a) protecting in the receiving State the interests of the sending State and of its nationals... within the limits permitted by international law; (h) safeguarding, within the limits imposed by the laws and regulations of the receiving State, **the interests of minors** ...**where any guardianship** or trusteeship is required with respect to such persons;*
- *Article 36 – Communication and contact with nationals of the sending State... the competent authorities of the receiving State shall, without delay, inform the consular post of the sending State if, within its consular district, a national of that State ... **is detained in any manner**. (c) consular officers shall have the right to visit a national of the sending State who is **in... detention**, to converse and correspond with him and **to arrange for his legal representation**. They shall also have the right to visit any national of the sending State who is... **in detention** in their district in pursuance of a judgement.*

The violation of rights of women and children, as well as discrimination against women (particularly foreign nationals) in Spain, is well-documented in reports by the United Nation, Amnesty International, and Save the Children, inter alia. Please find attached Nov.'13 – Jan.'14 editions of *Family Courts in Crisis* (with previous editions posted on <http://worldpulse.com/node/71182>), enumerating and explains the actions, and omissions of actions, which are resulting in rampant human rights violations of women & children within family courts & by judicial actors.

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