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The Honorable Suzan Levine
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RE: Human Rights Violation of American citizens Jannah Sims & Malik Andina by Swiss Government Officials

Dear Madam Ambassador,

I am contacting you on behalf of Ms. Jannah Sims and her sons Malik Andina. On April 26, 2012 and January 22, 2014 (the decision of the appeal court), Ms. Sims was awarded custody of her son by the Swiss courts. Since that time her ex-husband has utilized the Swiss court system to prevent Ms. Sims access to her son, with a detrimental effect on the emotional development of the child.

Art. 2, 5, 36, 37 and 38 of the Convention of Consular Relations clearly provides the American Consulate in Switzerland with the power and authority to assist Ms. Sims and her son. And, art. 71.1 & §10.735–215 CFR22; art. 2715a, 71.6 & 3904(1) of the 22USC; 1700's & 1900's of 7FAM; and the 'obligation to protect' (*Gonzalez vs. USA*, 2011) provides the American Consulate with the obligation to assure that the rights and interests of Ms. Sims and her son are protected and respected by Swiss authorities

Systematic and extensive discrimination against women by courts around the world is well-documented (see Family Courts in Crisis – www.warondomesticterrorism.com/category/fcc_newsletters/), and Ms. Sims case is just one amongst thousands of cases involving American women and children overseas. In order to assure that the rights of these citizens are protected and defended in foreign courts, it is imperative that American Consulates around the world take a pro-active approach. The United Nations, Amnesty International, Save the Children, and other human rights organizations provide clear and concrete actions and steps that government agencies must take in order to combat discrimination and violence against women and children, but agencies and civil servants are not only failing to do so, but are refusing to do so.

In the past 5 years, Ms. Sims has patiently and diligently acted in good faith and complied with the Swiss judicial process; a process which has consistently failed to respect her and her son's rights. I trust that at this time the American Embassy in Switzerland, and thereby the American government, will assure that Malik is promptly and without delay returned to his mother, the custodial parent.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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