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Seminar

Alternatives to the immigration detention of children from a legal, practical and implementation perspective

In the framework of the *Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children*

Organised with the support of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

The Hague, Netherlands

Thursday, 19 May 2016

from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Parliament, in the building of the House of Representatives

**Adopt alternatives
that respect a
child's right
to liberty and
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tion Detention of Children

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09:30 – 09:45

Opening of the Seminar

- Opening by **Ms Olga Kostenko**, Project manager of the Parliamentary Campaign “End immigration detention of children” and Secretary of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
- Statement by **Mr Ben Lewis**, Advocacy Coordinator, International Detention Coalition
- Statement by **Ms Tineke Strik** (Netherlands, Socialist Group, GroenLinks), Member of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

09:45 – 10:50

Dutch legislation and practice as regards the immigration detention of children

Moderator: Ms Tineke Strik

- Presentation by **Mr Klaas Dijkhoff**, State Secretary for Security and Justice, the Netherlands
- **Ms Margrite Kalverboer**, Children’s Ombudsman, the Netherlands
- **Ms Attje Kuiken**, Member of the House of Representatives (Labour Party/PvdA), the Netherlands
- **Mr Martin Vegter**, Legal Advisor, Defence for Children, the Netherlands

10:50 – 11:00

Questions and answers

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 – 12:15

Alternatives to the immigration detention of children

Moderator: Ms Olga Kostenko

- An introduction to the topic: **Video** “The Return Coach” (2’)
- **Mr Philip Ishola**, Member of the Independent Family Returns Panel and Safeguarding Advisor to the UK Home Office
- **Ms Carolina Hernandez**, Consultant for Migration, OHCHR
- **Ms Marie Huberlant**, Specialist for the Global Strategy “Beyond Detention 2014-2019”, UNHCR
- **Mr Nicolaas Mol**, Head of Division, European Court of Human Rights

12:15 – 12:45

Questions and answers and discussion panel

12:45 – 13:00

Closing remarks