

Colloquium in Brussels

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As always, in an attempt to teach, not panic or misinform; and now "after the fact", I am sharing some information that would have created a wild fire of reaction had I provided it before today. On November 9th in Brussels, a colloquium was initiated by several concerned authorities. As a point of focus and concern; the focus was primarily Bulgaria (and will also carry over to Romania, we are told but it is unconfirmed) and the current problems that exist in the international adoption process. Following is a list of things that were addressed; several US agencies also provided support for the initiation of this discussion. I am sure that this information will be frightening to some, informative to other, and I am hoping that you with find a balance in the middle. This is VERY POSITIVE that these things which have long been thought, have been now voiced and addressed. I am going to list the subjects that were presented; before I do, I want to further provide that 13 Bulgarian attorney's also found their voices and stepped forward to advocate for the children of Bulgaria. I am very proud of them; sometimes doing so in a post communist country is very difficult. I am very encouraged. I hope that this information teaches, touches and allows hope in those families that have been waiting so long. Our agency has continued to receive referrals but at a much slower rate; we are now anticipating that our waiting families will be moving forward more swiftly.

After you see the list of priorities that we addressed; please return to the top of this message and focus on this note that just arrived from Bulgaria;

We have great news from the conference in Brussels ! Conference has passed with great success and big support for the international adoptions. It will be accept a resolution of the EU for changes in the law of Bulgaria and Romania which to open the international adoptions, to put them in a wider base.

The journalist that we have sent there will be back on Friday evening and we will have more news on Saturday.

Best regards,

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Encouragingly,
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