

INTRODUCTION

1. For members of the Organization of American States (OAS) who are not parties to the American Convention on Human Rights, the Commission shall receive and examine any petition that contains a denunciation of alleged violations of the human rights set forth in the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man. ¹ The procedure followed by the Commission will be those in Articles 28-43 and 45-47 in the Rules of Procedure. ²

2. According to Article 23 of the Rules of Procedure, any person or group of persons or nongovernmental entity legally recognized in one or more member states may submit petitions to the Commission, on their own behalf or on behalf of third person, concerning alleged violations of the human rights recognized in the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man. Said petition may be submitted by a designated attorney ³ according to the requirements of Article 28. ⁴

THE NAME, NATIONALITY AND SIGNATURE OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS MAKING THE DENUNCIATION; OR IN CASES WHERE THE PETITION IS A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, THE NAME AND SIGNATURE OF ITS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE(S).

3. The following persons and organizations are all citizens of the United States or legally registered U.S. nongovernmental entities. The factual situation of each or their interest in this issue will be briefly described in the fact portion of the petition below. For the organizations, an affidavit will be attached as an exhibit describing their interest and involvement in this issue and petition.

- a. Claudine Dombrowski – Kansas
- b. Wendy Titelman – Georgia
- c. K.A. - California
- d. J.H. - California
- e. Yevgenia Shockome (Genia)– New York
- f. Withdrawn
- g. Susan Navratil – California
- h. Esther Horton – New York
- i. California Protective Parents Association
- j. Kourts for Kids – Ohio
- k. Stop Family Violence – New York
- l. Parenting Project, Rhode Island
- m. Illinois Coalition for Family Court Reform, Woodstock, Il.
- n. Child Abuse Forensic Institute, Napa, CA
- o. Petitioner A – Confidential
- p. Petitioner B – Confidential
- q. Petitioner C – Confidential
- r. National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

1 IACHR Rules of Procedure 49.

2 IACHR Rules of Procedure 50.

3 IACHR Rules of Procedure 50.

4 IACHR Rules of Procedure 28.

s. Justice for Children

DOES ANY PETITIONER WISH THEIR IDENTITY BE WITHHELD FROM THE STATE?

4. Yes. Three petitioners have requested confidentiality as noted above. Notations will be made in the text and their identification supplied to the Commission in a separate envelope for those who request confidentiality.

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