## Article 6 ter

- 1. States Parties shall take appropriate measures to combat the illicit transfer and non-return of children abroad.
- 2. To this end, States Parties shall promote the conclusion of bilateral or multilateral agreements or accession to existing agreements.

## Article 7

- 1. States Parties shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child.
- 2. For this purpose, the child shall in particular be provided the opportunity to be heard in any judicial and administrative proceedings affecting the child, either directly, through a representative or an appropriate body, in accordance with the procedural rules of national law.

## Article 7a

- 1. The child shall have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of the child's choice.
- 2. The exercise of this right may be subject to certain restrictions, but these shall only be such as are provided by law and are necessary:
  - (a) for respect of the rights or reputations of others;
  - (b) for the protection of national security or of public order (ordre public), or of public health or morals; or
  - (c) the views of the child shall be given due weight in accordance with his or her age and maturity.

## Article 7 bis

TO BE ADOPTED