

EMBAJADA DE MÉXICO

Washington, DC
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Mada Chairwoman
Dear Chairwoman Feinstein,

I am writing as a follow up to my September 18, 2011 letter regarding your request for information on the case of Andrew Richardson-Farah.

According to updated information provided by the Office of Family Law Issues at Mexico's Foreign Affairs Ministry, which is Mexico's Central Authority under The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, on September 19th, 2011, the Fourth Court for Family Matters in Queretaro denied Mr. Richardson's petition for return. The Court's decision was based on the fact that Andrew Richardson is now settled in his new environment and his return would have a negative impact on him. Mr. Richardson may of course appeal the Court's decision within the legal deadline to do so.

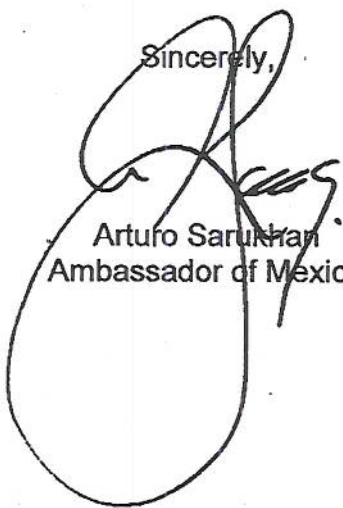
I have also been informed that staff from the Office of Family Law Issues has been in permanent contact with both the U.S. Central Authority (*i.e.* U.S. Department of State Office for Children's Issues) and Mr. Richardson himself throughout all the legal process involving Andrew.

As I have previously stated in past communications pertaining this case, Mexico is fully committed to The Hague Convention's goals regarding the prompt return of children and the effective exercise of custody and parental access rights. To this end, the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes its responsibility very seriously as Central Authority under the Convention, bearing in mind that final decisions regarding return lie exclusively within the Judiciary branch.

I hope the above information is useful and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require clarification or additional information. I take this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my high esteem and consideration.

Sincerely,

Warm regards,



Arturo Sarukhan
Ambassador of Mexico