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Date 8 January 2010
Re Application for the return of the minor
Thiago DE SOUSA MACIEL

Dear Ms. Froeder Dittrich,

Thank you very much for your fax message of 5 January 2010, which is very much appreciated after not receiving news about this file for so long.

Our office understand that you cannot predict how long it will take until a decision has been made by the court. However, this office would like to request you to remind the Attorney General and the Federal Justice of the State of Amazona that it has the obligation *to act expeditiously in proceedings for the return of children*. A decision should be made within 6 weeks from the date of commencement of the proceedings.

Please note that our office already forwarded the application for the return of Thiago to your office on 12 November 2008. According to your letter dated 5 October 2009 the Attorney general filed for restitution of the child to The Netherlands. However, it is still unclear *when* he filed for restitution. Can you inform our office about the exact date?

In the light of the above and on grounds of Article 11 of the Hague Child Abduction Convention of 1980, our office would like to request a statement of the reasons for the huge delay.

Looking forward to your cooperation and your swift response.

Yours sincerely,
For the Dutch Central Authority,

C.L. Wehrung