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Emne: Re: spg vedr sag om navngivning

Dav Christian,

Mit navn er Brendan Hutchinson og jeg kommer fra Canada. Jeg er gift med en dansker og vi bor her i Kolding. Min kones navn er Line. Vi fik en søn i marts, født på Kolding Sygehus. Vi har et problem med hans navngivning ved statsforvaltningen. At forklare mit problem, skal jeg skrive på engelsk.

Oscar, our son was born on March 28, 2016. We applied through Kristkirken here in Kolding for his name on May 11, 2016 as this is the process in Southern Jutland to have name givings through the church. I had to give copies of my documentation because we requested a non traditional Danish name for his second name, Oscar Branigan Hutchinson. (The church did not even allow Branigan to be used as a middle name, a North American tradition to have middle names). The crux of our problem is that we are traveling to Canada at Christmas and we require a passport. My family and especially Oscar's elderly great grandmother is unable to travel to Europe.

Line called statsforvaltningen today (*September 16, 2016*) and they have now told us it will take 9 months, retroactive to May 11 for his name to be approved or disapproved. In August, they had told us the middle of September.

I find this situation extremely unfair and an opposition to our families freedom of movement between our great nations (Article 13 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights part 2). Article 24 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Part 2 (a subset of Article 15 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights) also states every child shall be registered immediately after birth and shall have a name.

-I respect cultural sensitivity and Denmark's choice to review this name. But not in this timeframe of 9 months as this a clear rejection of Article 24. Every child should be named immediately, and in fairness to our situation we gave the state ample time to make a decision.

-If we are not allowed to travel at Christmas because our son has no name, Denmark will have rejected Article 13 of one of our most fundamental human rights.

Please respond, if there is anywhere we can turn to help.

Med Venlig Hilsen,

Brendan Hutchinson