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The Honourable

Ministère de la Justice Ms. Sam TANSON

Ministry of Justice

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Dear Ms. Minister TANSON,

My name is Patryk P. RYBIŃSKI and I am in charge of FAD – Fathers Against Discrimination a.s.b.l. “Both Parents for All Children™”, a non-profit organization based in Luxembourg with its offices in Strassen.

Our organization has been created to become a platform of dialog to promote gender equality of chance for both parents, to stop violation of children’s rights and to assure their well-being. As an association we believe a child should never be deprived of his natural human right to family life and equal access to both parents. Nor does anyone have the right to decide which of his parents' love has more value.

Considering the above we seek equal treatment of both parents during custody hearings in Luxembourg family courts. We support the rights of fathers and mothers to equal parenthood and successful professional career. We address the importance of family values promoting the positive impact a full and healthy family has on the upbringing of children.

We would like to know if we can organize a meeting between yourself – Ministry of Justice and FAD’s representatives allowing us to introduce ourselves and discuss possible cooperation.

Also, please find below 3 Postulates, FAD - Fathers Against Discrimination a.s.b.l. plans to present to Mr. Prime Minister Xavier BETTEL and the Luxembourg Government. The below postulates is a reflection of the changes in our society and represent the need for introduction of a new approach with regards to protecting Luxembourg children and families.

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# 1

## Postulate No.1

“Creation of a shelter for men, boys and fathers with children, victims of domestic violence seeking help, assistance and asylum. If not possible to establish a brand-new facility, conversion of one of the 10 existing shelters currently available only to women, girls and mothers with children and creating the very 1st shelter for men, boys and fathers with children in Luxembourg.”

The Ministry of Equality between Women and Men indicates on its [official website](#) that there are shelters in Luxembourg for “women, girls, women with children and men”. This is simply not true.

Following confirmation FAD has received from Luxembourg Red Cross (Croix-Rouge luxembourgeoise) out of 10 shelters listed and currently available in Luxembourg not a single facility accepts men, boys or fathers with children.

In a highly international society often without any family members present in Luxembourg, men, boys and fathers with children in need of finding a safe place have nowhere to go.

# 2

## Postulate No.2

“Creation of a government position of a Spokesperson for Children’s Rights to promote the development and protection of the rights of children in Luxembourg.”

Current solution in a form of ORK - Ombuds-Comité pour les droits de l'enfant is an example of a dormant government organization not meeting new age 2019 requirements and society expectations for an office that should be protecting Children’s Rights and looking after the well-being and best interest of the Luxembourg children.

Currently the Grand Duchy ranks 54 in the KidsRights Index and is failing in setting example to the European community assuring the below Rights and Conventions are not violated in Luxembourg courts:

1. [Article 3\(3\) of the Treaty on European Union](#) established in 1992 to “combat social exclusion and discrimination, to promote social justice and protection, equality between women and men, solidarity between generations and protection of the rights of the child”.
2. [Article 24 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union](#) introduced as part of the Treaty of Lisbon in 2009 “to guarantee the protection of the rights of the child by the EU institutions and by EU countries when implementing EU law”.
3. [The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) from 1989. The first universal instrument of a legally binding nature to address the rights of the child. There are currently 193 parties to the Convention including all 28 members of the EU. Although the Convention addresses the civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights of children there are continuous examples of violations of the children’s rights across all EU members states including Luxembourg.
4. [Article 8 of the European Convention](#) on Human Rights ratified by Luxembourg in 1953 providing a right to respect for one’s “private and family life, his home and his correspondence”.

# 3

## Postulate No.3

”Creation of a Help Line for men, boys and fathers with children and forming an office of Legal Aid located in the Municipal Court of Luxembourg solely devoted to provide general pro-bono assistance on a weekly basis not only to women but also to men and both parents regardless of gender seeking advice regarding human and parental rights during divorce, separation and children custody proceedings.



We remain available for any questions or inquiries Ms. Minister may have. We would like to have an opportunity to meet and discuss our cooperation hoping for the Ministry's support and assistance in introducing the above-mentioned postulates. We will adjust our schedule to yours.

Most respectfully,

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PS Please visit [www.FAD.lu](http://www.FAD.lu) for more information.



**"Mir wëlle bleiwe wat mir sinn an mir kënnen e Beispill fir den Rescht vun Europa sinn." -**

- "We want to remain what we are and we can be an example for the rest of Europe."