



GPV/KCV SUPPORTS THE RIGHT OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS TO KNOW THEIR BIOLOGICAL IDENTITY

GPV/KCV believes that it is the right of every child to know their biological identity and that:

1. Siblings have the right to be placed together
2. Children over 12 years have the right to participate in decisions about their life
3. A child's given name, as it is registered on the original birth certificate/s, must be maintained
4. Children who are removed from their country of birth must be provided with a cultural program designed to maintain their cultural identity.
5. Legislation must provide for contact between the adopted child and the extended biological family to be maintained after an adoption
6. The child has the right to claim inheritance rights from the family of birth
7. An adopted child's biological identity should be reflected on their birth certificate/s and other legal documentation and that:
 - the woman who carries the child must be listed as the mother, except where the woman has no biological connection with the child.
 - The man whose sperm created the child be listed as the 'sperm donor'
 - the woman whose DNA created the child be listed as the 'egg donor'

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