

Legislation Bureau of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms

File WL 16/LH/2011/1213/VA

Offices registered at 1000 BRUXELLES, boulevard de Waterloo, 115 ;

Upon the decision filed in the registry of this Court on 21 December 2011, and rendered on 25 November 2011 by the High Court of Justice of London denying the return to Belgium of the child Bailie Kate COOPER, born on 1 August 2003, and the related documents, forwarded by the Belgian Central Authority under article 1322 decies § 1 of the judicial Code, pursuant to article 11.6 of the Regulations (EC) following the consultation of the British Central Authority on an application for obtaining the immediate return of a child, initiated by the Belgian Central Authority on 14 October 2011, under the Hague Convention of 25 October 1980 on the civil aspects of child abduction and articles 1322 bis to 1322 quaterdecies of the judicial Code ;

Upon the notification given on 23 December 2011 to Gail COOPER, Nigel COOPER, the Office of the Mons Public Prosecutor, on 4 January 2012 to Mrs Stephanie ADAMS, Solicitor, and Mr Graeme Langlands, Solicitor (Millsdonkin&co, Solicitors) ;

Upon the conclusions submitted and based on article 11 of Brussels II bis and article 1322 bis of the judicial Code for Nigel COOPER, initialed by the Registry of the Court on 31 January 2012 as well as the attached file of documents ;

Upon the notices 1322 decies of the judicial Code, sent on 1 February to the Office of the Mons Public Prosecutor, Nigel COOPER, his counsel, Gail COOPER, Mrs Stephanie ADAMS, Solicitor, Mr Graeme Langlands, Solicitor (Millsdonkin&co, Solicitors), regarding the hearing set on 22 February 2012 ;

Upon the correspondence from Millsdonkin&co, Solicitors (Mrs Gail COOPER's counsel in England), addressed to the Registry of the Court on 10 February 2012 ;

Upon the correspondence received by fax from Willisroft & co, Solicitors (Mr Nigel COOPER's counsel in England), and initialed by the Registry of the Court on 13 February 2012 ;

Upon the transcript of the 24 November 2011 hearing held under British Jurisdiction, sent by fax in its English version and initialed by the Registry of the Court on 21 and 22 February (fax and correspondence), and its corresponding English translation ;

Upon the correspondence from the Sunderland City Council, sent by fax to the Registry of the Court on 22 February 2012 ;

Heard at the hearing on 22 February 2012 :

Mister Henri RENARD, substitute for the Mons Public Prosecutor,

Mister Nigel COOPER, assisted by his counsel Mrs BENEDETTI, Solicitor, and an English language interpreter, Mrs Catherine REYNELBERGE,

The trial debates have been declared closed and the cause has been taken under advisement,

Upon, provided at such hearing : the files for Nigel COOPER ;

