

# 4 Families Appeal to Court of Human Rights Over Adoptions Ban

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Four American families have filed complaints with the European Court of Human Rights over Russia's recently passed adoptions ban.

In an interview with Interfax on Friday, Karina Moskalenko, a representative for the families, said the American families were at varying stages of the adoption process to adopt Russian children, but that the children had already bonded with their American parents.

"You know, when a child is already saying the words "mama" and "papa," that's already a family; you can already talk about rights to a private family life being violated," she said.

According to Moskalenko, the American families aim to have the violation of their rights acknowledged by the court and amendments made to the ban on adoptions.

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