

Official: Moscow Must See Child Adopted by U.S. Lesbian Couple

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Russia has demanded that the U.S. allow diplomats to visit a Russian child adopted in 2007 by an American lesbian couple, the Foreign Ministry's Commissioner for Human Rights, Konstantin Dolgov, said on Thursday.

He [described](#) the situation on his Twitter account as an "immoral trick," accusing the couple of deliberately deceiving a Russian court in 2007 in order to get the adoption authorized.

Dolgov expressed concern that the child may have suffered "psychological damage from this odd family" and said "an adequate investigation is necessary."

He also noted that once the couple got separated two years after the marriage, the child was torn between the two women.

In his opinion, the American court "intentionally concealed" all information pertaining to the

case in a bid to shield adoptive parents from accountability for their wrongdoings.

The official did not disclose the child's or the couple's names or explain how the couple had deceived the court during adoption procedures.

U.S. adoptions of Russian children became a heated subject in December, when Russia banned Americans from adopting Russian orphans in retaliation for a U.S. law that imposes sanctions on Russian officials suspected of human rights abuses.

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