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Dear Ambassador Kato,

I am greatly troubled by the fact that Japanese citizens have kidnapped many more foreign children than North Korea ever has, yet Japan will neither return the American children, nor extradite the abducting parents. Your demands for justice from North Korea are hypocritical, given that Japan will not sign the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction nor does Japan even consider international parental kidnapping a crime. All children deserve frequent, meaningful and continuing contact with both natural parents, regardless of citizenship, marital status or gender.

Because of this, I have decided to cancel my plans to travel to Japan as well as to avoid purchasing Japanese made products. I cannot support Japan's gross violations of American laws, American family values and international norms of behavior with my hard earned money. I am also sending the following flyer to my family and friends, asking that they too do not travel to your country nor purchase your products.

<http://www.crnjapan.com/megumiflyer.html>

I will reconsider my travel and spending decisions only after Japan does the following:

- Signs the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.
- Passes enforceable laws guaranteeing the return of abducted children to parents with legal US custody orders and in Hague cases.
- Returns American children already abducted by Japanese parents.
- Extradites Japanese citizens listed on <http://www.crnjapan.com/japanesewarrants.html>

Japan is a G8 nation, but your laws make you look third world. It is no wonder that Japan has become known as a "**Haven for International Child Abduction.**"

Sincerely,