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Striking a balance between the best interest of the child and the need to keep families together

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In the draft resolution, replace paragraph 4.5 with the following paragraph:

"seek to keep at a minimum the practices of removing children from parental care at birth, basing placement decisions on the effluxion of time, and adoptions without parental consent, and only in extreme cases. Where in the child's best interests, efforts should be made to maintain family ties;"

Explanatory note

Although a situation nobody wants, it is necessary to recognise that in some cases adoption without parental consent or removing a child from parental care at birth may be in the best interests of the child. The paragraph should therefore argue for limiting this practice, not for ending it.

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