Searching Procedure for Cases of Underage Children Taken Away From Home By Parents (Or Relatives) Without Consent and Went Missing

People (Parties)/Private Institutions and Groups/Local Governments/Other Government Units realize there are underage children being taken away from home by parents (or relatives) without consent and are missing.

Each unit can fill in a communication report and send it to the Missing If Missing Children Data Resource Center receives an inquiry from Children Data Resource Center through fax, e-mail, etc., directly. people or units, it can fill in a communication report at its own (Phone No.: 04-22265905; Fax No.:04-22202312) discretion. Ministry of Health and Welfare (Missing Children Data Resource Center¹) If it is unclear whether or not the underage child has departed from Taiwan, the Ministry of Health and Welfare will assist in requesting their exit records from National Immigration Agency. The underage children have departed from Taiwan. The underage children have not departed from Taiwan. Missing Children Missing Children Data Judicial Not judicial cases of Taiwan Resource Center helps the **Data Resource** cases of parties to report missing Center helps the persons. Taiwan parties to Arrived in the Arrived in Hong Arrived in motion for an Mainland Area Kong or Macao other injunction. countries Related Police departments receive departm The Ministry of The Ministry of the reports. ents Health and Welfare Health and The Ministry of handle seeks the An injunction is Welfare seeks the Health and the cases assistance of ordered by a assistance of Police departments **Mainland Affairs** Welfare seeks the ruling of the inform National Straits Exchange complian Council. assistance of court, banning Immigration Agency of Foundation. ce with the underage Ministry of data of missing persons. the The Mainland child from Foreign Affairs. current **Affairs Council** The Straits leaving Taiwan. procedur **Border Affairs** Police provides help Exchange es for through the Bureau departments Corps of Foundation seeks The Ministry of cross-bor of Hong Kong The courts notify National find the the assistance of Foreign Affairs der Affairs or Bureau of Immigration underage the National cases³ the Association provides help Macao Affairs. Agency finds children. Immigration for Relations through the underage Agency of the overseas Across the Taiwan children The Bureau of order, listing the embassies or Straits. departing from underage Hong Kong Affairs seeks the Taiwan, and children as or Bureau of Macao assistance of informs The Association for local Taiwan people banned Affairs reports the **Aviation Police** Relations Across the private groups. from leaving the result to the Bureau **Taiwan Straits** state in writing. (Harbor Police **Mainland Affairs** replies to the Straits Overseas embassies Departments) Council. Exchange Foundation. report the result to The Mainland the Ministry of National Police departments **Affairs Council** The Straits Foreign Affairs. **Immigration** handle the cases in transfers the result Exchange Agency compliance with Foundation to the Ministry of implements the "Guidelines for The Ministry of transfers the result Health and Welfare. order of border Searching for Missing to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Persons". Health and Welfare. control. transfers the result to the Ministry of

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- Note 1: Services that the Missing Children Data Resource Center provides include Case Report and Management, Case Progress Tracking, Missing Children Searching, Psychological Counseling, Consultation Services, and Resource Coordination.
- Note 2: When handling the cases after being informed by National Immigration Agency, the Aviation Police Bureau (Harbor Police Departments) should respect the personal freedom of the parties and should not, in principle, affect the flight schedule.

Note 3:

- 1) When the missing child(ren) arrived in a country (region) that signed a mutual legal assistance treaty with Taiwan, the Ministry of Justice shall seek the country (region)'s assistance in investigating and obtaining evidence in accordance with the treaty.
- 2) When the missing child(ren) arrived in a country (region) that did not sign a mutual legal assistance treaty with Taiwan, the court, Prosecutor Offices, or the Ministry of Justice shall forward the case to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall then seek the assistance of the judiciary of the country in accordance with the principle of reciprocity through the foreign embassy in the country.
- 3) When the missing child(ren) arrived in Hong Kong or Macao, the Mainland Affairs Council shall seek the assistance of related departments of Hong Kong or Macao through the Bureau of Hong Kong Affairs or the Bureau of Macao Affairs.