

Major Developments with Family Reunion Programme to Libya

Following discussions started last August, agreement was reached in Libya with the Secretariat of Social Affairs for the visits to continue, and for leading Libyan Charity Waatasimo to assume the co-ordinating role at their end. In an unprecedented development they would cover the costs of the visit for family members (flights, accommodation and full board).

The mother's family reunion visit took place as had been originally planned from 28/07 to 11/08. A total of 7 mothers travelled with other close relatives to visit their children previously abducted. Overall the visit was successful, and all the mothers had contact with their children, even in the case of the very recent abduction which has received publicity in the media.



On the 9th August in Tripoli, at a meeting attended by the British Ambassador ISS UK signed a co-operation agreement with the Waatasimo Charitable Foundation. They deal particularly with women's and children's issues. This places our work in Libya on a more secure footing than ever before, and also holds prospects for other areas of co-operation to be developed. Further planning meetings will take place in the near future.