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Re F (Children) (2016)

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Court of Appeal

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International Children Law

The court upheld an order for the summary return to Hungary of three children who had been unlawfully removed. It reiterated the principle in W (Children) (Family Proceedings: Evidence), Re [2010] UKSC 12, [2010] 1 W.L.R. 701, namely that there was no longer a presumption against children giving evidence in family proceedings. Practitioners and courts had been too slow to recognise the need for change: proper adherence to the principles laid down in W (Children) would mean that there were likely to be more cases in future where children would give evidence.

