**Subject: Reuniting separated refugee families** 

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The Refugee Family Reunification Campaign wants to share with you a short video of approximately 3 minutes created by the Jesuit Refugee Service Canada and the Archdiocese of Montreal, that sheds light on the reality facing refugee families today.

As Canadian citizens, there are many things we take for granted. One of them is family. It's hard to imagine being separated from your children or your family for many years and missing out on important moments in their lives. However, for many refugees, they have endured this burden for too long.

From the moment they file their claims to when their children and spouse arrive to join them, it can easily be 4 or 5 years. As one father told us: "My daughter was four years old when I held her in my arms for the last time. She'll be ten when she's allowed to join me in Canada. I'm missing out on half of her childhood while I'm building a life here."

If you think it's immoral for families to be separated like this for so many years, you can make a difference:

- 1. Find out more by clicking on this link: <u>About the Refugee Family Reunification Project</u> family reunification for refugees | Family reunification for refugees
- 2. Write a personal letter to the Minister of Immigration explaining why family reunification is important. Sample letters can be found at this link: <u>Take action | Family reunification for refugees</u>
- 3. Meet with your local MP to discuss this issue. Find your MP at this link: MPs House of Commons of Canada
- 4. Share the video and our campaign on your social networks.

Contact us: Refugee Family Reunification