

PE1790/A

Petitioner submission of 24 February 2020

I wish to highlight to the Committee that paragraph 1 of the background information section of my petition is factually inaccurate.

The wording in this paragraph should be replaced from—

Induced parental alienation is a specific form of psychological child abuse, which is listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5), the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association (APA).

To

Induced parental alienation is a specific form of psychological child abuse, which was indexed in the World Health Organisation International Classification of diseases version ([ICD-11] in 2019.

Albeit, Parental Alienation is not listed (named) in DSM but it has been pointed out to me by an expert in Parental Alienation that my response is academically and clinically accurate, with Pages 716, 718 and 719 of the DSM which has a number of terms such as child affected by Parental Relationship distress among other labels.

The Committee were very clear they chose these labels because it is a relational phenomenon rather than a pathology that resides in any one individual.