

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CREATES SPECIAL UNIT TO INVESTIGATE THE THEFT OF BABIES

Coinciding with the 35 years of Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, Alejandra Gils Carbó, Attorney General of Argentina, signed two resolutions addressing two long-time claims made by said group: the creation of a special prosecuting unit to investigate the cases of child theft during the last military dictatorship, and the preparation of a protocol of action to reinforce the involvement of the Public Prosecutor's Office in such cases.

The new unit will operate under the Prosecuting Unit for the Coordination and Monitoring of cases of Human Rights Violations, led by Jorge Auat and coordinated by Pablo Parenti. It will concentrate the investigations of all child theft cases, taking the initiative that until now had been taken by the Grandmothers in many cases, and it will put an end to the fragmentation of cases throughout the country. The Unit will be coordinated by prosecutors Niklison and Parenti.

The Attorney General's Office also issued a resolution instructing prosecutors on a protocol to deal with this type of cases, in order to speed up the processes. The aim of the resolution is to have prosecutors adjust their actions to the guidelines set out in the protocol, and to instruct them on how to personally intervene at each of the key stages of the investigations conducted in connection with the appropriation of children during State terrorism (hearings to take blood or other types of samples, or to perform searches or inspections, among other measures).