



determining factor in custody decisions after a divorce. They collectively signed an international memo of concern to the WHO after the lobby submitted an official proposal to include parental alienation. The signatories were international academics, domestic violence experts, research institutes, child development and abuse experts, and networks and children's rights associations. Many countries have also signed the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention). This Convention is not yet sufficiently respected, but the Council of Europe has established independent monitoring and several countries have already been alerted to the need for action to ensure that custody decisions are made that effectively protect children when their father has committed domestic violence.

**Information about the scientific studies that contradict the theory of parental alienation can be found on our website:**

<https://csmsgroep.wordpress.com>

**More information about the Istanbul convention:**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/istanbul-convention/text-of-the-convention>

**The reference to the international collective memo of concern to the World Health Organisation: Neilson, L.C., Meier, J., Sheehy, E., Jackson, M., Halperin-Kaddari, R., Boyd, S. Jaffe, P., Lapierre, S. (2019). Collective Memo of Concern to: World Health Organization. <http://www.learningtoendabuse.ca/docs/WHO-September-24-2019.pdf>**