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1. INTRODUCTION

2. LEGAL PRINCIPLES: INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN

- Best interests of the child: A primary consideration
- Primacy of the status of the child
- Provision of care and protection
- Placement in family setting
- Right to respect for family life
- Child's right to participation
- Ethnic, religious and/or cultural needs of the child
- Guardianship

3. PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES: EFFECTIVE ACCESS

- Integration with child care and protection systems
- Consideration of the needs of the child
- Sufficient places
- Training of, and support to, foster families
- Identification and monitoring of needs
- Scientific research
- Dissemination of good practices

4. CONCLUSION

5. BIBLIOGRAPHY