

- 20.7. The fact that the UK Government has never called for its own inquiry, but only reacted in a very limited way to the report of the Health Select Committee and then failed to evaluate its response, suggests that it has never taken its responsibilities seriously.
- 20.8. It was extremely slow to offer any real practical help for at least a decade. During this time, many opportunities were missed. Parents could have been found and reunited with their missing children. These are shameful episodes of failing to do the decent thing. Saying sorry is simply not enough after this level of official neglect of duty.
- 20.9. This is not the Inquiry we asked for, but we are nevertheless grateful for being given this opportunity for our country to learn of what Governments are capable of doing to their most vulnerable citizens.

21. Summary

- 21.1. This unholy alliance between States, Charities and Churches totally failed to protect the most vulnerable of Britain's children. They all endorsed a racist policy. As we struggle to prepare this statement, we relive the horrors of the past - torture, hard labour and sexual abuse of such severe depravity that we are reminded of a comment made by a MP on the UK Health Select Committee '*War crimes without the War.*' [IAFCMF7] We wept together as we gave our evidence. 25 years later we still wait for truth and justice. Time and time again, opportunities for action have been ignored.
- 21.2. Gordon Brown changed the shameful face of child migration - and restored us to our country, our birth right. Margaret Humphreys, especially, and the Trust restored us to our families, our identity and a sense of dignity. One by one from 1988, Margaret Humphreys brought us home to our Mothers, Fathers, Brothers and Sisters. The most hurtful betrayal was to be told our parents were dead - that we were orphans.
- 21.3. Even in the face of intense periods of threats and intense intimidation, Margaret kept her focus on the positive way forward - refused to be side-tracked by anything other than our recovery. Putting right the wrongs and making opportunities wherever possible.
- 21.4. Child migration is a catalogue of failed opportunities to safeguard us as children. The UK government ignored all the warnings that we were at severe risk of harm. It underestimated how vulnerable we were and relied on good intentions which were no match for paedophiles and sadists.
- 21.5. The national apology in 2010 was the day we had waited for all our lives - at last, recognition. Truth and justice must surely follow.