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## EDITORIAL

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Notwithstanding the fact that an adoption may be successfully concluded, adoption breakdowns can unfortunately happen. Adoption crisis can be intensely difficult and distressing for all parties involved, especially for the adopted child and adoptive family.

Although research into adoption breakdown has achieved a considerable progress in recent years, cases where the parent-child relationship is broken but the adoption has not been legally dissolved (adoption dissolution) or even cases when the adoption terminates prior to finalisation (adoption disruption) are not consistently registered and many times, not even properly addressed and discussed. Also, a significant number of adoptive families face significant relational challenges, indicating a grey zone (adoption crises) between adoption success and failure.

Indeed, adoption breakdown is a complex issue. But it should neither be considered inevitable nor taboo. This Newsletter will allow us to look further into this issue by analysing the results of a recent fact-finding survey in Italy and a research project examining transnational adoption breakdown, its risks, and effects.

It is important that discussions about adoption instability happen, and adequate support is provided to all those who have been affected. On the one hand promoting a culture of evidence-based practices under a positive parenting framework and on the other hand, giving voice and visibility to adoptees can help achieve better policy responses on this issue, and more widely, on child protection and family strengthening and support.

We also encourage you to complement the reading of this Newsletter with further ISS/IRC resources on this topic such as our Fact Sheet N°51 (available [here](#)), our Monthly Review N° 217 (December 2017) (available [here](#)), Manifesto for Ethical Intercountry Adoption (available [here](#)), and our publication: Learning from intercountry adoption breakdowns (available [here](#)).

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