

MONTHLY ACTION: APRIL 2019

ARGENTINA: MOTHER DEPORTED WITHOUT CHILDREN

Vanessa Gómez Cueva, a Peruvian citizen with residence status in Argentina for over 15 years was deported with her two year old Argentinian son. She was forced to leave behind her other two children (aged 5 and 14) who are also Argentinian.

On 1 February police came to her home and requested she accompany them to their office to “sign a notification”. Vanessa took her two year old son with her and left her other two children at home. Vanessa and her baby were transferred to a cell without light or water and later moved to Ezeiza Airport, where they were held by migration authorities. On 4 February Vanessa and her son were deported, leaving behind her other two children, who are being cared for by relatives. She was not allowed to say goodbye to them and has not seen them since.

Vanessa had served a prison sentence in 2014 and in 2015 the National Migrations Office ordered her deportation without taking into proper consideration her current situation of the situation of her children, who are all Argentinian. Vanessa filed an administrative appeal after the deportation order was issued, but this was rejected. She said she was never notified of that decision, meaning she could not file an appeal against it. Her deportation violates the right to family life, family unity and the best interests of the child, which are all protected by national law and international treaties ratified by Argentina.

TAKE ACTION

Please write to the Director of the National Migrations Office before 7 May 2019 calling for the deportation order to be reversed and Vanessa and her son to be reunited with her other two children. A template letter is attached.

Please also send copies of your letters to:

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**Please let us know about any actions taken on this case by contacting:
childrensnetwork@amnesty.org.uk. Thank you.**