INFORMATION FROM THE PREFECTURE DE POLICE

FRAUD BY FALSE REPRESENTATION*

YOU MAY BE KIND
YOU MAY BE GENEROUS
DON’T LET YOURSELF BE FOOLED!

* Fraude par fausse déclaration
Beware of Fake Petitions!

In tourist areas in Paris, you will often come across young girls and boys, often minors, who will approach you holding a petition, maybe pretending to be deaf and dumb, and who will ask you for money as well as your signature.

Although they may seem to be acting on behalf of reputed associations and foundations, they are not. Their only aim is to get money from you, which will never be transferred to these organizations but instead used to fund illegal organizations and underground networks.

Ignore them. Continue on your way.

* The penalty for such an offence under Article 313-2 of the French penal code is 7 years imprisonment and a fine of 750,000 euros (10 years and 1 million euros when the offence is committed by an organized band).