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Alert: Kazakhstan Suspends Intercountry Adoptions

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan informed the U.S. Embassy in Astana on August 9 that Kazakhstan is suspending intercountry adoptions to the United States, effective immediately. Ambassador Susan Jacobs, Special Advisor for Children's Issues, met with government officials in Kazakhstan on August 16 to address the Ministry's concerns. The Ministry clarified that the suspension involves a pause in adoption referrals, but does not affect Kazakhstan's ongoing process to authorize U.S. adoption service providers. The Department of State is continuing discussions with Kazakhstan as a Hague Adoption Convention partner, and will provide updated information on [adoption.state.gov](#) as it becomes available.