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Notice for Individuals Seeking Further Information Following the Department of State's May 14 Conference Call

The Department of State has received information that a number of adoption service providers and prospective adoptive families were unable to join the conference call on adoptions from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) on May 14, 2013. We regret that not everyone was able to participate in the call and are exploring options for future outreach.

During the call, we reviewed the information available on the Department's website in the May 2 [Adoption Alert](#) regarding the suspension of exit permit issuances, the April 30 clarification [Adoption Notice](#), and the March 15 [Adoption Notice](#) concerning the removal of children from orphanages by purported birth family members. Please note that any new developments will be published on [Adoption.State.Gov](#) as information becomes available.

Individuals who are seeking information on the process for adopting from the DRC or further clarification regarding a specific adoption are encouraged to contact the Office of Children's Issues at AskCI@state.gov or toll-free at 1-888-407-4747.