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Notice: Adoptions from Haiti to Begin Under the Hague Adoption Convention on April 1, 2014

On April 1, 2014, the *Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-Operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption* (Convention) will enter into force in Haiti. The United States will be able to process Convention intercountry adoptions from Haiti that are initiated on or after April 1, 2014. However, please note that delays may occur while Haiti's adoption authority, the Institut du Bien-Être Social et de Recherches (IBESR), implements a Convention-consistent adoption process, including finalizing the schedule of in-country fees.

The Government of Haiti has authorized a limited number of U.S. adoption service providers (ASPs) to provide adoption services in Haiti. However, they may further reduce these numbers to help manage their caseload. IBESR may revoke the authorization of ASPs that are not currently providing adoption services in Haiti, which could potentially allow those who remain to process a greater number of cases. ASPs concerned about their authorization status and those interested in seeking authorization may contact IBESR for more information.

In its March 2014 letter, IBESR agreed to process as a transition case, any case in which a Form I-600 or I-600A was filed before April 1, 2014, as long as matching occurs by April 1, 2016 and no I-600A extension is required. We will provide additional information if it becomes available and is confirmed. Questions about the transition process, and Form I-600A, and Form I-800A filings should be directed to USCIS.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the Office of Children's Issues at 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or 202-501-4444 from outside the United States. Email inquiries may be directed to Haitiadoptions@state.gov.