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- 1) Indicate all adoption services provided by the agency/person, as defined in 22 CFR 96.2, including where they are provided (by site, by country, etc.) and by whom they are provided (employees, contract staff, or supervised provider(s))

Adoption Services means any one of the following six services:

1. Identifying a child for adoption and arranging an adoption;
 2. Securing the necessary consent to termination of parental rights and to adoption;
 3. Performing a background study on a child or a home study on a prospective adoptive parent(s) and reporting on such a study;
 4. Making non-judicial determinations of best interests of a child and the appropriateness of an adoptive placement for the child;
 5. Monitoring a case after a child has been placed with a prospective adoptive parent(s) until final placement;
 6. When necessary because of a disruption before final adoption, assuming custody and providing (including facilitating the provision of) child care or any other social service pending an alternative placement.
- 2) Disclosure, documentation of circumstances, and disposition for all applicable items related to the requirements set forth in 22 CFR 96.35.

§96.35 Suitability of agencies and persons to provide adoption services consistent with the Convention.



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(a) The agency or person provides adoption services ethically and in accordance with the Convention's principles of (*indicate "yes" or "no" below*):

- (1) Ensuring that intercountry adoptions take place in the best interests of children; Yes No
and
- 2) Preventing the abduction, exploitation, sale, or trafficking of children. Yes No

(b) In order to permit the accrediting entity to evaluate the suitability of an agency or person for accreditation or approval, the agency or person discloses to the accrediting entity the following information related to the agency or person, under its current or any former name (Please provide a response below. If not applicable, indicate "N/A" below with a response for why not applicable):

- (1) Any instances in which the agency or person has lost the right to provide adoption services in any State or country, including the basis for such action(s); N/A
- (2) Any instances in which the agency or person was debarred or otherwise denied the authority to provide adoption services in any State or country, including the basis and disposition of such action(s); N/A
- (3) Any licensing suspensions for cause or other negative sanctions by oversight bodies against the agency or person, including the basis and disposition of such action(s); N/A
- (4) For the prior ten-year period, any disciplinary action(s) against the agency or person by a licensing or accrediting body, including the basis and disposition of such action(s); N/A
- (5) For the prior ten-year period, any written complaint(s) related to the provision of adoption-related services, including the basis and disposition of such complaints, against the agency or person filed with any State or Federal or foreign regulatory body and of which the agency or person was notified; N/A
- (6) For the prior ten-year period, any known past or pending investigation(s) (by Federal authorities or by public domestic authorities), criminal charge(s), child abuse charge(s), or lawsuit(s) against the agency or person, related to the provision of child welfare or adoption-related services, and the basis and disposition of such action(s); N/A



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- (7) Any instances where the agency or person has been found guilty of any crime under Federal, State, or foreign law or has been found to have committed any civil or administrative violation involving financial irregularities under Federal, State, or foreign law; N/A
- (8) For the prior five-year period, any instances where the agency or person has filed for bankruptcy; N/A
- (9) Descriptions of any businesses or activities that are inconsistent with the principles of the Convention and that have been or are currently carried out by the agency or person, affiliate organizations, or by any organization in which the agency or person has an ownership or controlling interest. N/A
- (c) In order to permit the accrediting entity to evaluate the suitability of an agency or person for accreditation or approval, the agency or person (for its current or any former names) discloses to the accrediting entity the following information about its individual directors, officers, and employees (Please provide a response below. If not applicable, indicate "N/A" below with a response for why not applicable):
- (1) For the prior ten-year period, any conduct by any such individual related to the provision of adoption-related services that was subject to external disciplinary proceeding(s); N/A
- (2) Any convictions or current investigations of any such individual who is in a senior management position for acts involving financial irregularities; N/A
- (3) The results of a State criminal background check and a child abuse clearance for any such individual in the United States in a senior management position or who works directly with parent(s) and/or children (unless such checks have been included in the State licensing process); N/A
- (4) A completed FBI Form FD-258 for each such individual in the United States in a senior management position or who works directly with parent(s) and/or children, which the agency or person must keep on file in case future allegations warrant submission of the form for a Federal criminal background check of any such individual. N/A



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- (5) Descriptions of any businesses or activities that are inconsistent with the principles of the Convention and that are known to have been or are currently carried out by current individual directors, officers, or employees of the agency or person. N/A
- (d) In order to permit the accrediting entity to evaluate the suitability of a person who is an individual practitioner for approval, the individual (indicate “yes”, “no” or “N/A” below. If “N/A”, please indicate why not applicable):
- (1) Provides the results of a State criminal background check and a child abuse clearance to the accrediting entity; Yes No
 N/A
- (2) Completes and retains a FBI Form FD-258 on file in case future allegations warrant submission of the form for a Federal criminal background check; Yes No
 N/A
- (3) If a lawyer, for every jurisdiction in which he or she has ever been admitted to the Bar, provides a certificate of good standing or an explanation of why he or she is not in good standing, accompanied by any relevant documentation and immediately reports to the accrediting entity any disciplinary action considered by a State bar association, regardless of whether the action relates to intercountry adoption; Yes No
 N/A
- (4) If a social worker, for every jurisdiction in which he or she has been licensed, provides a certificate of good standing or an explanation of why he or she is not in good standing, accompanied by any relevant documentation. Yes No
 N/A
- (e) In order to permit the accrediting entity to monitor the suitability of an agency or person, the agency or person must disclose any changes in the information required by §96.35 within thirty business days of learning of the change.
- 3) Indicate any complaints regarding intercountry adoption services received/processed against the agency/person, its employees, contract staff and/or any supervised providers as reported in any semi-annual report on complaints filed by the agency/person in the last year (if not applicable, indicate “N/A” and provide a response why not applicable).



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4) Name, title and contact information for accreditation/approval lead for the agency/person.

By signing below, I attest that all information contained in this Application is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of person completing Application

Printed/Typed Name of Signatory

Date