



December 15, 2010

Meeting Invitation

TO: Prospective Adoptive Parents, Adoption Service Providers, and Adoption Stakeholders

FROM: U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services

SUBJECT: Teleconference on Nepal Adoptions
December 15, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m. EST

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services International Operations Division and the Office of Public Engagement would like to invite prospective adoptive parents seeking to adopt children from Nepal to a teleconference with USCIS and the Department of State to discuss the current situation of adoption processing in Nepal. We also welcome adoption service providers and adoption stakeholders to join the teleconference.

On August 6, the U.S. Government suspended the processing of new adoption cases from Nepal that involve children who are claimed to have been abandoned because documents presented in support of their abandonment have been found to be unreliable and circumstances of alleged abandonments cannot be verified in most cases. On August 27, USCIS and the Department of State centralized the adjudication of Form I-600 petitions filed on behalf of children residing in Nepal at the U.S. Embassy Kathmandu and advised prospective adoptive parents of the option of filing their Form I-600 petitions with the Embassy **BEFORE** completion of the adoptions. Many prospective adoptive parents have filed their Form I-600 petitions (with all required documentation *except* the adoption decree) with the U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu, through their local agency representatives and before traveling to Nepal to adopt a child. Upon review, the U.S. Embassy determined that a majority of these Form I-600 petitions were not clearly approvable and forwarded the cases to USCIS New Delhi for further review.

We understand that prospective adoptive parents and members of the adoption community may have questions about USCIS's review of these cases. Please join us for this call to learn more about the current status of Nepal adoption processing.

To join the call –

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