



October 4, 2010

Meeting Invitation

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

FROM: U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services

SUBJECT: Teleconference on Nepal Adoptions
October 5, 2010 @ 9:30am (EDT)

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. Recently, USCIS and the Department of State also 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. We strongly urge prospective adoptive parents to file 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. This will enable the U.S. Government to determine whether the children identified in the petitions qualify as orphans before prospective adoptive parents travel to Nepal to complete the adoptions.

We know that many prospective adoptive parents and others in the adoption community have questions about these changes. Please join us for this call to learn more about adoption processing in Nepal.

To join the call – Please dial:

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