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**Ministry of Social Affairs, Veteran's
and Youth Rehabilitation**

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ANNOUNCEMENT

On

Bilateral Agreement to limit the number of Inter-country Adoption Agencies

The Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation, as Central Authority for Inter-Country Adoption of the Kingdom of Cambodia, has the honor to inform all Embassies in Cambodia and the competent authorities of all States party to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption, as well as the competent authorities of all countries that would like to cooperate with the Kingdom of Cambodia on Inter-Country Adoption, that, referring to Articles 47, 49 and 50 of the Law on Inter-Country Adoption, the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation is pleased to announce as follows:

1- For countries having diplomatic relations with the Kingdom of Cambodia, which are party to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption, and would like to cooperate with the Kingdom of Cambodia on Inter-Country Adoption, please contact the Cambodian Central Authority to enter bilateral agreement according to the determination of the Law on Inter-Country Adoption of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

2- For countries having diplomatic relations with the Kingdom of Cambodia, which are not party to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption, but would like to cooperate with the Kingdom of Cambodia on Inter-Country Adoption, please contact the Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to enter an agreement with that ministry. After the authorization from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, please contact the Cambodian Central Authority to enter bilateral agreement according to the determination of the Law on Inter-Country Adoption of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

3- As Central Authority for Inter-Country Adoption of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation is ready to receive the application from all countries during the working hours, starting from this announcement. Without the above mentioned agreement, the cooperation on inter-country adoption with the Kingdom of Cambodia cannot operate.

The Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation, as Central Authority for Inter-Country Adoption of the Kingdom of Cambodia, would like to reiterate that the reception of the application shall commence on this 1st April 2011.

4- The Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation, as Central Authority for Inter-Country Adoption of the Kingdom of Cambodia, would like to specify that, starting from this 1st April 2011, all inter-country adoption procedures in the Kingdom of Cambodia shall apply the Law on Inter-Country Adoption and the Letter No. 54 SCN.AV dated 14 January 2010 of the Council of Ministers only. All other related legal texts shall be considered as void.

For more information, please contact the Department of Child Welfare of the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation at #788 Monivong Boulevard, Sangkat Boeung Trabek, Khand Chamcar Mon, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: 012 849 330, Fax: 023 726 103, E-mail: info@ICAA-Cambodia.com.kh

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