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Dear ICAB Partners:

The Inter-Country Adoption Board (ICAB) has passed resolutions on the following issues:

1. Waiver of the psychological tests for Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) who have previously adopted from the Philippines:

Applicants who have previously adopted from the Philippines are not required to submit the Minnesota Multi-Phasic Personality Inventory-2-Restructured Form (MMPI-2-RF) and Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory III (MCMI III). However, a psychological report from a licensed psychologist is required.

2. Setting of a maximum period for finalizing a child's adoption:

Section 51 of the Amended Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Philippine Inter-Country Adoption Law (Republic Act 8043) provides that "...The Central Authority and/or the Foreign Adoption Agency (FAA) shall ensure that the adoptive applicant file the appropriate petition for the adoption of the child to the proper court or tribunal or agency in accordance with their national law".

A maximum period of two years from placement is given within which to finalize the adoption of a child in the receiving country. It is the responsibility of FAAs to ensure that the adoption decree in the receiving country is duly issued and finalized within the period provided. Failure to comply with the said provision will be a ground for termination of accreditation of FAAs under subsection e, Section 23 of Article VII, IRR.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,


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