



## CHILD ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

After having a minimum of two weeks to review the child referral information and having this information reviewed by an international medical professional:

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ agree to adopt a \_\_\_\_ male / \_\_\_\_ female, by the name of:  
\_\_\_\_\_, in the country of \_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_.

Based on the information I / we know of the child (ren), I / we accept the child (ren) as my / our own and want CHILDREN'S HOUSE INTERNATIONAL (CHI) and the country of \_\_\_\_\_ to proceed with all adoption arrangements, as soon as possible.

I / We understand that the child referral information has come from the country of origin by its Central Authority or country specific legal process. It has been reviewed by a CHI representative and/or CHI International Specialist for completeness. We further understand that the referral was administered from the CHI Social Services Supervisor for my/our case. If we have any clinical questions regarding the child referral, we will seek counsel from our home study provider social worker and/or our CHI Social Services Supervisor. If there are any medical concerns I/we will seek a medical professional for counsel.

We/I have been advised that we have two weeks to review the child referral information and have this information reviewed by a medical professional.

I / We agree to indemnify and hold CHI harmless from any and all liability, losses, damages, judgments, or claims arising out of or in any way related to the child, and which are incurred or arise at any time after referral and placement in the home.

I / We understand I / we will be solely responsible for paying all costs of any and all travel and travel activities of myself / ourselves and the identified child, including, but not limited to airfare, airport taxes, exit fees, accommodations, meals, taxis, entertainment, guides, sightseeing, and travel insurance. I / We shall be solely responsible for obtaining and paying for my / our own passport and / or travel visa. CHI IS IN NO WAY RESPONSIBLE TO REIMBURSE ME / US FOR THESE EXPENSES.

I / We understand that CHI is not responsible for medical / physical / emotional problems that may be evident in my / our child (ren) after the adoption in the country of origin. My / Our decision to adopt is based on written information and / or pictures.

I / We understand that if I / we adopt a child who was institutionalized in another country, that child is likely to have undiagnosed medical and psychological problems including, but not limited to, developmental delay, FAS, sexual abuse. I / We understand that I / we probably will not be fully aware of the nature and extent of the child's problems until after the adoption is finalized.

Even if the child was not institutionalized, I / we understand that most children adopted from another country are likely to have some undiagnosed medical, psychological, or other problems. For these reasons, CHI does not and cannot guarantee, and makes no warranty or representation, express or implied, concerning the medical or psychological condition of any child. I / We acknowledge that CHI is not and cannot be responsible for any such conditions or problems which may be undiagnosed or unknown.

Prior to placement, a child may have been provided with medical examinations, tests, and / or inoculations. I / We acknowledge and understand that CHI cannot guarantee the results or accuracy of any such examinations, tests, or inoculations.

I / We further acknowledge and understand that while in some cases CHI may have arranged for a child's medical or psychological examination, CHI does not conduct any independent assessment, testing, or evaluation of any child, and CHI has no knowledge of any child's actual medical or psychological condition other than what has been reported to CHI or may appear in any medical records.

Although CHI makes reasonable attempts to obtain all known records on the child, some of the information contained in the medical, psychological, and historical records obtained from a child's country or origin may be inaccurate and / or incomplete. For that reason, CHI does not guarantee, and makes no warranty, express or implied, concerning the accuracy, validity, applicability, or completeness of any information that may appear in any medical, psychological, historical, pictures or video (dates may or may not be known or accurate) or other records or data regarding any child. I / We acknowledge and agree that any and all information contained in such records shall not be considered as representations made by CHI or its employees, and that CHI is not responsible for the information contained in such records. CHI strongly advises the family to seek medical consultation on the referred child and therefore

I/We have (please check one):

I/We have been advised to have a medical consultation by an international adoption specialist and I/we are using Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ for such consultation or we will let the agency know which doctor we select.

I / We have been advised to have a medical consultation by an international adoption specialist, but we feel comfortable with the medical information I/we have received on this child and we waive the right of such consultation.

I / We understand that CHI will do everything they possibly can to help this case proceed quickly; however, I / we understand that government reorganizations, closings, wars, and other problems that are unforeseen at this time can delay our adoption. I / We will not hold CHI responsible for delays beyond their control. If this particular adoption is stopped for whatever reason because of unknown problems (native family wants the child, child dies, mother returns, etc., etc.) another child will be presented to me / us for consideration for adoption.

### **Prohibition on Child Buying**

Children's House International prohibits its employees and agents from giving money or other consideration directly or indirectly to a child's parent(s) or other individuals (s), or an entity, as payment for the child or as an inducement to release the child.

### **DISRUPTED OR DISSOLVED ADOPTION AGREEMENT**

If, after returning home with the child (ren) I / we decide that I / we cannot parent the above mentioned child (ren), for whatever reason, I / we will provide for the expenses involved for foster care until the child (ren) can be placed with a new adoptive family.

The **dissolution** of an adoption occurs when an adoption ends after it is legally finalized, resulting in the child's return to (or entry into) foster care or placement with new adoptive parents. Dissolution can happen in the country of origin if a Family decides for whatever reason not to take the child home.

A **disrupted** adoption occurs when the adoption ends after the child is placed in an adoptive home and before the adoption is legally finalized, resulting in the child's return to (or entry into) foster care or placement with new adoptive parents. In the case of a crisis situation it is the responsibility of the adoptive parents to inform CHI so that appropriate interventions (aimed at ensuring the permanence of the placement) can be made as soon as possible. Dissolution or disruption of an adoption should only be considered after all other options have been tried and failed. The child should always remain the primary concern when dealing with families in crisis.

If the adoption of a child is final in the country of origin or the country grants the client guardianship, the client is legally and financially obligated to provide care for said child. The Family is legally and financially required by the country of origin to follow the steps for dissolution according to the specific country's laws. (See Schedule A for details specific to your program). CHI provides the details for those steps in the specific country's Letter of Understanding.

**CHI strongly encourages families to contact them and/or their home study social worker if they have issues.** If a problem with the placement should develop after the arrival of the child in the United States or once the adoption is legally finalized, the following steps will be taken to assist the client:

1. The Social Worker assigned to the case will inform his/her supervisor of the situation. An initial assessment will be made as to the status of the case.
2. A post-placement visit will be set up by the Social Worker assigned to the case to make an assessment:
  - (A) If the assessment determines that the child or any family member is at risk, the Social Worker will help in arranging an appropriate temporary situation.
    - i. If the child is at risk and the family is not cooperating with the Social Worker's efforts to make arrangements for the child outside the home, the Social Worker will contact Child Protective Services immediately.
  - (B) If the assessment determines that neither the child nor any family member is at risk, then the Social Worker will work with the family in developing a plan for the child that includes professional counseling, interventions or evaluations.
3. The Social Worker will discuss all options with the client and will remain in close contact, providing assistance until the problem is resolved; every attempt will be made to preserve the family unit;
4. Should a client decide that disruption or dissolution of the adoption is in the best interest of the family, the Social Worker will discuss the options available to them, indicating which options are in the best interests of the child, taking into account the child's age, length of time in the United States and other pertinent factors;
5. Should the best interest of the child be placement with another client, the Social Worker will make every attempt to locate another placement within the CHI clientele.
6. The Social Worker will assist with arrangements for the child to be placed with a client interested in adopting from the child's country of origin before any other client;
  - (A) If a family is identified, pre-placement visits will be held to make sure that the match is appropriate. The Social Worker will then provide each party with the other's attorney or agency contact information.
  - (B) If a placement cannot be found through CHI, the Social Worker will direct the family to other agencies that can assist in the placement of the child.
7. Should the best interest of the child be placement in an institution or other childcare facility, the Social Worker will assist the client in determining programs that would be best able to fulfill the child's needs;
8. Should the best interest of the child be to return to his/her country of origin, Children's House

International will only return the said child with written approval from the Central Authority of the country of origin and the US Central Authority. Children's House International requires that the following steps be considered: The child would only be considered for return to the country of origin in the following cases: a) the child has relatives living in the country of origin or b) the child is of an older age and requests to be returned to his/her country of origin.

9. If Disruption of the adoption occurs, Children's House International will notify the Central Authority of the Child's country of origin and the US Central Authority of these changes in the placement of the adopted child.
10. Children's House International will not accept legal or financial responsibility for a child without approval from the Board of Directors.
11. The original adoptive family remains legally and financially responsible for the child and expenses related to caring for the child in whatever placement is made, until an alternate adoption plan can be made. This would include medical costs, counseling, therapy treatment facilities etc.

**CHI will continue to provide consultation of additional support available for families as needed in order to help protect from families re-homing a child on their own.**

**COUNTRY SPECIFIC DISRUPTION AND DISSOLUTION POLICIES****Please check the country that applies.** **Brazil**

The child will become the adoptive parent(s) legally adopted child after case has exited the State Judicial Commission of International Adoption (CEJAI), court, and the adoption is full and final. Adoptive parent(s) will accept full responsibility of this child as their own. Should the adoptive parent(s) then, while still in country, decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until the legal solution is found for the dissolution of the adoption/ The law in Brazil does NOT allow the ability to dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) understand that this process could take several years and they will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country to find a way to legally dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) agrees to pay these fees. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without legal arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest in the country of the child's birth. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that the child can be re-referred to another family by CEJAI.

 **Bulgaria**

The child will become the adoptive parent(s) legally adopted child after the court adoption date and after the 15 day waiting period. Adoptive parent(s) will accept full responsibility of this child as their own. Should the adoptive parent(s) then, while still in country, decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until the legal dissolution of the adoption is completed. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country to dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) agrees to pay these fees. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without these arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest in the country of the child's birth. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that the child can be re-referred to another family.

 **Colombia**

The child will become the adoptive parent(s) legally adopted child after case has exited the Colombian Institute of Child Welfare, or ICBF, and the adoption is full and final. Adoptive parent(s) will accept full responsibility of this child as their own. Should the adoptive parent(s) then, while still in country, decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until the legal dissolution of the adoption is completed. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country to dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) agrees to pay these fees. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without these arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest in the country of the child's birth. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that the child can be re-referred to another family.

 **Ecuador**

The child will become the adoptive parent(s) legally adopted child after case has exited the Ministerio de Inclusion, Ecomonica y Social (MIES), court, and the adoption is full and final. Adoptive parent(s) will accept full responsibility of this child as their own. Should the adoptive parent(s) then, while still in country, decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until the legal solution is found for the dissolution of the adoption/ The law in Ecuador does NOT allow the ability to dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) understand that this process could take several years and they will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country to find a way to legally dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) agrees to pay these fees. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without legal arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest in the country of the child's birth. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that the child can be re-referred to another family by MIES.

**Ghana**

The child will become the adoptive parent(s) legally adopted child after case has exited the Central Adoption Authority of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection and the court, and the adoption is full and final. Adoptive parent(s) will accept full responsibility of this child as their own. Should the adoptive parent(s) then, while still in country, decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until the legal solution is found for the dissolution of the adoption. The law in Ghana does NOT allow the ability to dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) understand that this process could take several years and they will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country to find a way to legally dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) agrees to pay these fees. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without legal arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest in the country of the child's birth. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that the child can be re-referred to another family by the Central Adoption Authority of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection.

 **Georgia**

The child will become the adoptive parent(s) legally adopted child after the court date. Adoptive parent(s) will accept full responsibility of this child as their own. Should the adoptive parent(s) then, while still in country, decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until the legal dissolution of the adoption is completed. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country to dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) agrees to pay these fees. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without these arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest in the country of the child's birth. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that the child can be re-referred to another family.

 **Honduras**

The child will become the adoptive parent(s) legally adopted child after case has exited the Secretaria de Ninez, Adolescencia y Familias (SENAF), and the adoption is full and final. Adoptive parent(s) will accept full responsibility of this child as their own. Should the adoptive parent(s) then, while still in country, decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until the legal dissolution of the adoption is completed. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country to dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) agrees to pay these fees. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without these arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest in the country of the child's birth. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that the child can be re-referred to another family.

 **Hong Kong**

The adoptive parent(s) are granted legal guardianship of their child by the courts in Hong Kong and are allowed to return to the United States in order to finalize the adoption in the state they reside. Should the adoptive parent(s) while still in country decide they do not want to parent this child after being granted guardianship by the courts of Hong Kong. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country to dissolve the guardianship. The adoptive parent(s) agrees to pay these fees. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without these arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest in the country of the child's birth. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that the child can be re-referred to another family.

Should the adoptive parent(s) while in the U.S decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal guardian(s) by the courts in Hong Kong, they agree to provide financial support for the child until other legal arrangements for the child can be made. This could include the child custody being given to the state, adoption by another qualified adoptive family, or the child being returned to the care of the Association in Hong Kong. CHI will notify the US Department of State, the Association in Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong

Social Welfare Department of the dissolution. CHI will seek approval from the appropriate Hong Kong Authorities prior to alternative placement and, if needed, make arrangements for the return of the child to the Hong Kong Association. This arrangement must be acknowledged by all in written form prior to the child being returned. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any and all costs related to but not limited to the transportation of the child back to the care of the Association in Hong Kong. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that an appropriate alternative placement can be found for the child.

The child will become the adoptive parent(s) legally adopted child after the court date in the United States to finalize the adoption. Adoptive parent(s) will accept full responsibility of this child as their own. Should the adoptive parent(s) then decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until the legal dissolution of the adoption is completed. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees related to dissolving the adoption. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without these arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that a safe, alternative placement can be found for the child. The adoptive parent(s) agree to pay these fees. CHI will assist in finding an appropriate alternative placement.

#### **Hungary**

The child will become the adoptive parent(s) legally adopted child after the court date. Adoptive parent(s) will accept full responsibility of this child as their own. Should the adoptive parent(s) then, while still in country, decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until the legal dissolution of the adoption is completed. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country to dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) agrees to pay these fees. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without these arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest in the country of the child's birth. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that the child can be re-referred to another family.

#### **India**

There are two types of adoption in India, Guardianship and Hindu Adoption.

Guardianship – the child will become the adoptive parents' legal ward when the Family Court Judge grants guardianship. Hindu Adoption – the child will become the adoptive parents' legally adopted child. Adoptive parent(s) will accept full responsibility of this child as their own. Should the adoptive parent(s) then, while still in country, decide that they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until the legal dissolution of the adoption or guardianship is completed. The adoptive parents(s) will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country and foster/orphanage care for their child. The adoptive parents(s) agree to pay these fees. If the adoptive parents(s) leave the child without these arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest in the country of the child's birth. The adoptive parents(s) understand that this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International, and to finish all the steps necessary so that the child can be re-referred to another family. Adoptive Parent(s) agree to adopt or readopt their child(ren) in their State of Residence within a period of one year after Guardianship or Adoption is granted by the Courts in India.

#### **Jamaica**

The child will become the adoptive parent(s) legally adopted child after:

- The adoption (Adoption Order) is full and final in the Jamaican courts, or
- The adoption (Adoption License) is full and final in the court where the Adoptive Family resides in the U.S.

#### **Disruption – Adoption Order:**

Should the adoptive parent(s) while still in country (Adoption Order) decide they do not want to parent this child before being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to notify CHI and the Child Development Agency (CDA) so arrangements can be made for the child to be returned to the care of the CDA.

**Dissolution – Adoption Order:**

Should the adoptive parent(s) while still in country decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until the legal dissolution of the adoption is completed. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country to dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) agrees to pay these fees. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without these arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest in the country of the child's birth.

**Disruption – Adoption License:**

Should the adoptive parent(s) while in the U.S. (Adoption License) decide they do not want to parent this child before being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to notify CHI immediately. CHI will notify the CDA and US Department of State to make arrangements for the return of the child to the CDA. This arrangement must be acknowledged by all in written form prior to the child being returned. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any and all costs related to but not limited to the transportation of the child back to Jamaica and to the care of the CDA.

**Dissolution – Adoption License:**

Should the adoptive parent(s) while in the U.S decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until other legal arrangements for the child can be made. This could include the child custody being given to the state, adoption by another qualified adoptive family, or the child being returned to the care of the CDA in Jamaica. CHI will notify the CDA and US Department of State of any dissolution and, if needed, to make arrangements for the return of the child to the CDA. This arrangement must be acknowledged by all in written form prior to the child being returned. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any and all costs related to but not limited to the transportation of the child back to Jamaica and to the care of the CDA.

The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country to dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) agrees to pay these fees. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary.

 **Mexico**

The child will become the adoptive parent(s) legally adopted child after case has exited the Procuraduria de Protección del Estado (DIF), court, and the adoption is full and final with an adoption decree. Adoptive parent(s) will accept full responsibility of this child as their own. Should the adoptive parent(s) then, while still in country, decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until the legal solution is found for the dissolution of the adoption/ The law in Mexico does NOT allow the ability to dissolve the adoption once this is confirmed the adoption decree. The adoptive parent(s) understand that this process could take several years and they will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country to find a way to legally dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) agrees to pay these fees. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without legal arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest in the country of the child's birth. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that the child can be re-referred to another family by DIF.

 **Portugal**

The adoptive parent(s) are granted legal guardianship of their child by the courts in Portugal and are allowed to return to the United States in order to finalize the adoption in the state they reside. Should the adoptive parent(s) while still in country decide they do not want to parent this child after being granted guardianship by the courts of Portugal. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country to dissolve the guardianship. The adoptive parent(s) agrees to pay these fees. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without these arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest in the country of the child's birth. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that the child can be matched to another family.

Should the adoptive parent(s) while in the U.S decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal guardian(s) by the courts in Portugal, they agree to provide financial support for the child

until other legal arrangements for the child can be made. This could include the child custody being given to the state, adoption by another, qualified adoptive family, or the child being returned to the care of regional social services in Portugal. CHI will notify the US Department of State, the Central Authority of Portugal, of the dissolution. CHI will seek approval from the appropriate Portuguese Authorities prior to alternative placement and, if needed, make arrangements for the return of the child to the social welfare authorities in Portugal, only with after the consent of the Central Authorities of the U.S. and Portugal. This arrangement must be acknowledged by all in written form prior to the child being returned. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any and all costs related to but not limited to the transportation of the child back to the care of the Portuguese authorities. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that an appropriate alternative placement can be found for the child.

The child will become the adoptive parent(s) legally adopted child after the court date in the United States to finalize the adoption. Adoptive parent(s) will accept full responsibility of this child as their own. Should the adoptive parent(s) then decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until the legal dissolution of the adoption is completed. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees related to dissolving the adoption. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without these arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that a safe, alternative placement can be found for the child. The adoptive parent(s) agree to pay these fees. CHI will assist in finding an appropriate alternative placement.

**Romania**

The child will become the adoptive parent(s) legally adopted child after the court date. Adoptive parent(s) will accept full responsibility of this child as their own. Should the adoptive parent(s) then, while still in country, decide they do not want to parent this child after being considered the legal parent(s), they agree to provide financial support for the child until the legal dissolution of the adoption is completed. The adoptive parent(s) will be fully responsible for any court costs, attorney's fees, multiple travel or extended stay in country to dissolve the adoption. The adoptive parent(s) agrees to pay these fees. If the adoptive parent(s) leave the child without these arrangements in place, they can be charged with child abandonment and potential arrest in the country of the child's birth. The adoptive parent(s) understand this is a serious situation and agree to be responsible, to stay in touch with Children's House International and to finish all the steps necessary so that the child can be re-referred to another family.

**Schedule A - Country Specific Post Adoption Requirements****Post Adoption/Post Placement Requirements are subject to change due to updated Country Regulations****Please send all post adoption reports to the appropriate Case Manager. Fees for any authentications/apostilles for the post adoption/placement reports are the responsibility of the family.**

Country:	<b>Brazil</b>
Number of reports:	4* written by a Social Worker
Deadlines:	4, 8, 12, and 18 months from final in country adoption date
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	The 4 or 8 month report must contain a copy of a certificate of citizenship. All reports must include the social worker and agency licenses attached to the report and 8-12 recent labeled photographs of the child. Each report will need to be apostilled in family's state. Fees for apostilles are the responsibility of the family. *CEJA may require more than 4 reports depending on case.

Country:	<b>Bulgaria</b>
Number of reports:	6 written by a Social Worker, notarized with all applicable licenses attached (social worker license, agency license, & Hague license).
Deadlines:	Every 6 months from court date (6, 12, 18, 24, 30 and 36 months)
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	The 6 or 12 month report must contain a copy of a certificate of citizenship. Finalize adoption in U.S. if child has an IR4 Visa. Include six (6) recent photographs of the child on photo paper. Report must be notarized and apostilled. Fees for apostilles are the responsibility of the family.

Country:	<b>Colombia</b>
Number of reports:	4 or 6 written by a Social Worker. FOUR reports are required if the child is under 8 years old. SIX reports are required for all children 8 years old and older AND all sibling groups.
Deadlines:	6, 12, 18 and 24 months (plus 30 and 36 months, if applicable) (written by a Social Worker) from final in country adoption date
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	The 6-month should contain a copy of the child's certificate of citizenship. All reports must include the social worker and agency license attached to the report and 8-10 recent photographs of the child with captions in English and Spanish. Each report will need to be apostilled in the family's state. Fees for apostilles are the responsibility of the family.

Country:	<b>Ecuador</b>
Number of reports:	Five (5) reports written by a Social Worker.
Deadlines:	4, 8, 12, 18 and 24 months from final in country adoption date
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	The 4- or 8-month report must contain a copy of a certificate of citizenship. All reports must include the social worker and agency license attached to the report and 8-12 recent labeled photographs of the child. Each report will need to be apostilled in family's state. Fees for apostilles are the responsibility of the family.

Country:	<b>Georgia</b>
Number of reports:	5 (five) written by a Social Worker, notarized with all applicable licenses attached (social worker license, agency license, & Hague license), and then annual reports written by the family
Deadlines:	6, 12, 18, 24, & 36 months (written by a Social Worker)
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	The 6 or 12 month report must contain a copy of a certificate of citizenship. Finalize adoption in U.S. if child has an IR4 Visa. Include four (4) recent photographs of the child.
Country:	<b>Ghana</b>
Number of reports:	7 (seven) reports total: 4 (four) reports written by a Social Worker and 3 (three) reports annually completed by family, IF child has adjusted well after the first 2 years. If not, a social worker will be required to complete the remaining reports.
Deadlines:	6, 12, 18 and 24, 36, 48, 60 months from final in country adoption date
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	The 6 or 12 month report must contain a copy of a certificate of citizenship. All reports must include the social worker and agency licenses attached to the report and 8-12 recent labeled photographs of the child. Each report will need to be notarized.
Country:	<b>Honduras</b>
Number of reports:	6 written by a Social Worker
Deadlines:	3, 6, 9, 12, 18, & 24 months (written by a Social Worker) from final in country adoption date. Following these reports, families must submit yearly "self-reports" until the child turns 18 years.
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	The 3 or 6 month report must contain a copy of a certificate of citizenship. All reports must include the social worker and agency license attached to the report and 8-12 recent labeled photographs of the child. Each report will need to be apostilled in family's state. All fees for notarization and apostilles are the responsibility of family.
Country:	<b>Hong Kong</b>
Number of reports:	3-5* written by a Social Worker, depending on Hong Kong Foundation, notarized with all applicable licenses attached (social worker license, agency license, & Hague license).
Deadlines:	1, 3 and 6 months (written by a Social Worker) from the date guardianship is granted. If the adoption is not finalized in the U.S. after 6 months, quarterly reports written by a social worker will be required until the adoption is finalized. Depending on the child's Hong Kong Foundation, additional reports may be due at 9 and/or 12 months.
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	Adoption must be finalized within 6 months in the state the family resides in, unless State law/guidelines require a longer timeframe. In that case, adoption finalization must occur as soon as possible.
Additional Requirements:	Include ten (10) recent labeled photographs of the child. Three (3) original copies of each report are required per report. Reports do not need to be apostilled but are required to be notarized. Certificate of Citizenship must be sent to CHI upon receipt. *Additional Reports may be required depending on State requirements.

Country:	<b>Hungary</b>
Number of reports:	2 written by a Social Worker, notarized with all applicable licenses attached (social worker license, agency license, & Hague license).
Deadlines:	6 months and 18 months after the adoption decree becomes final
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	The 6 or 18 month report must contain a copy of a certificate of citizenship. Include six (6) recent photographs of the child; must be notarized/no apostille needed
Country:	<b>India</b>
Number of reports:	6 reports written by a Social Worker, notarized with all applicable licenses attached (social worker license, agency license, & Hague license).
Deadlines:	Every 3 months for the first year after the child comes home and every 6 months for the second.
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	The 3 or 6 month report must contain a copy of a certificate of citizenship. Include six (6) recent photographs of the child.
Country:	<b>Jamaica</b>
Number of reports:	How many reports will be due during the first 2 years after the adoption is final are to be determined by the Child Development Agency in Jamaica during the adoption.
Deadlines:	To be determined by CDA
Where to Send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	The first or second report must contain a copy of a certificate of citizenship. Include 8-12 recent labeled photographs of the child. Each report will need to be authenticated in family's state and BY Jamaica Consulate Office. All fees for translation and legalization and seals in country are the responsibility of family
Country:	<b>Mexico</b>
Number of reports:	6 (SIX) reports written by a Social Worker.
Deadlines:	6, 12, 18, 24, 30 and 36 months from final in country adoption date
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	The 6 or 12 month report must contain a copy of a certificate of citizenship. All reports must include the social worker and agency licenses attached to the report and 8-12 recent labeled photographs of the child. Each report will need to be apostilled in family's state. Fees for apostilles are the responsibility of the family.
Country:	<b>Portugal</b>
Number of reports:	2 minimum written by a Social Worker (more may be required), notarized and apostilled with all applicable licenses attached (social worker license, agency license, & Hague license).
Deadlines:	At least two (2) but total number of reports dependent on the state PAP resides. Additional pre-placement or post adoption reports maybe required by the Portuguese Central Authority.
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	Include five (5) recent photographs of the child; must be apostilled. Fees for apostilles are the responsibility of the family. Certificate of Citizenship must be sent to CHI upon receipt.

Country:	<b>Romania</b>
Number of reports:	8 written by a Social Worker
Deadlines	3, 6, 12, 18, & 24 months, and annually at the 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> year
Where to Send it	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required	None
Additional Requirements	Reports must be notarized. Send 8 pictures with each report, with captions.

**In addition to fulfilling the country and state of residence requirements families must also complete the post placement/post adoption requirements of the Children's House International state in which the case is administered.**

State:	<b>Florida</b>
Number of reports:	At least two (2) post adoption reports after the child is placed, one (1) visit must be in the home
Deadlines:	
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	None

State:	<b>Idaho</b>
Number of reports:	One (1) post adoption report is required to adopt/readopt a child
Deadlines:	
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	None

State:	<b>Louisiana</b>
Number of reports:	One (1) post adoption report is required to adopt/readopt a child
Deadlines:	
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	Confidential Court Report prior to finalization may be required by the State of Louisiana for families whose children come home under guardianship (post placement)

State:	<b>Texas</b>
Number of reports:	One (1) post adoption report is required to adopt/readopt a child
Deadlines:	
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	None

State:	<b>Utah</b>
Number of reports:	Must have documented contact with the family within 2 weeks of arriving home. One (1) post adoption report is due within 6 months.
Deadlines:	
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	None

State:	<b>Washington</b>
Number of reports:	One (1) post adoption report is required to adopt/readopt a child
Deadlines:	
Where to send it:	Children's House International will send the reports to the appropriate office
Registration Required:	None
Additional Requirements:	None

**For all cases, we STRONGLY suggest you re-adopt your child once you return home.**

**POST PLACEMENTS/ POST ADOPTIONS AND FINAL DOCUMENTATION**

- I / We agree to provide post placement reports and pictures of my / our child (ren) to CHI for the country of \_\_\_\_\_ . In accordance with the laws of the state we live in, and the country we are adopting from.
- I / We agree to provide all post placement reports to CHI upon request, and at our expense.
- I / We understand these requirements and agree to fulfill the requests. See post placement requirements (Schedule A). Along with each post placement report enclose a minimum of two pictures of the child (ren) unless otherwise specified.
- I / We agree to provide CHI with copies of my /our English version documents concerning the adoption within a month after returning home with my / our child (ren).
- I/We understand that a PAR deposit is required for all families who do not pre-pay all required Post Adoption Reports in advance. (Proof of prepayment is required for non-CHI Home Study Agencies)
- I/We understand that if we have paid a PAR deposit or Adoption Finalization deposit to CHI, this money will not be refunded until CHI has received the required post placement/adoption reports written by a social worker, copies of the final adoption documents we received in country, and a copy of our child(ren)'s U.S. certificate of citizenship.

All post placement reports and final documents are to be sent to the appropriate Program Coordinator.

**All schedules and attachments are considered to be part of the original content of the contract and agreed by the Family.**

This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the executor, administrators, heirs, successors and assigns of the parties to it.

This agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.

If this document is altered in anyway it will be considered invalid.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

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Adoptive Parent Signature

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Adoptive Parent Signature

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Printed Name

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Printed Name