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## COMMUNIQUE RELATED TO ADOPTABLE CHILDREN IN RWANDA

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Basing on the Constitution of the Republic of Rwanda of 2003 revised in 2015 its articles 18, 19 and 167;

After considering the Convention on protection of children and cooperation in respect of intercountry adoption adopted at Hague in Netherlands on 29 May 1993;

The Republic of Rwanda has authorized the accession by the law n° 001/2008 of 14/01/2008 and ratified this convention by the presidential order n° 24/01 of 07/05/2010.

For that, Since August 31<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion decided to temporally suspend all new applications for intercountry adoption for putting in place the structures, mechanisms and tools required of a newly signatory country of this Hague Convention related to intercountry adoption.

### 2. THE ACHIEVEMENTS AFTER THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF AUGUST 2010

The Republic of Rwanda has put in place laws, Ministerial order and policy related to the implementation of the convention on the protection of children and co-operation in respect of intercountry adoption, adopted at the Hague in the Netherlands, on 29 may 1993. These are:

- The Law N°22/2011 of 28/06/2011 establishing the National Commission for Children (NCC) and determining its mission, organisation and functioning including being the Central Authority in charge of the Inter-country adoption as provided for by article 7, alinea 3;
- The Integrated Child Rights Policy (2011) ICRP;
- The Law N°54/2011 of 14/12/2011 relating to the rights and the protection of the child;
- The Law N° 32/2016 of 28/08/2016 governing pesons and family in its articles 316, 317 and 318;
- The Ministerial order N° 001/MIGEPF/2017 of 16/01/2017 determining conditions to be considered in inter-country adoption and the procedure thereof especially in its articles 3, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.



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### 3. STATUS AS OF NOW

Rwanda has removed the temporary suspension of the intercountry adoption by the public announcement of Minister of Gender and Family Promotion of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and the National Commission for Children (NCC) is in the process of establishing the list of adoptable children as provided by article 4 of the convention on the protection of children and co-operation in respect of intercountry adoption, adopted at Hague in the Netherlands, on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1993.

As there are currently no adoptable children in Rwanda, the National Commission for Children get back to you on a semestrial basis with updates on the list of adoptable children in Rwanda.

Done at Kigali, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017



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