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**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION FROM RWANDA**

Rwanda is a State party to the Hague Convention on the protection of children and cooperation in respect of Inter-country Adoption concluded on 29 May 1993, as ratified by the Presidential Order N° 24/01 of 07 May 2010.

In this regard, the National Commission for Children (NCC) was established to serve as the Central Authority in charge of Inter-country adoption, as provided for by the Law N° 22/2011 of 28/06/2011.

In addition to that, the Government of Rwanda has made a strong commitment to domesticate the above mentioned Convention through different laws including the Law N° 54/2011 of 14/12/2011 relating to the rights and the protection of the child, Law N° 32/2016 of 28/08/2016 governing persons and family and the Ministerial order N° 001/MIGEPROF/2017 of 16/01/2017 determining conditions to be considered in inter-country adoption and the procedure thereof.

In view of the above, and referring to the announcement of the Minister of Gender and Family Promotion of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010 suspending temporarily to receive new applications for inter-country adoption in order to put in place structures and mechanisms required for a newly signatory State of the Hague Convention for its implementation;

Considering that Rwanda's institutional and legal frameworks have been updated in conformity with the standards of inter-country adoption as indicated above;

The Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion would like to inform the public that the temporary suspension of new applications for inter-country adoption from Rwanda is hereby removed.

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