



APPENDIX 3

Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

Articles relating to the accreditation of bodies to provide adoption services include:

Article 10

Accreditation shall be granted to and properly maintained by bodies demonstrating their competence to carry out properly the tasks with which they may be entrusted

Article 11

An accredited body shall –

- (a) Pursue only non-profit objectives according to such conditions and within such limits as may be established by the competent authorities of the State accreditation
- (b) Be directed and staffed by persons qualified by their ethical standards and by training or experience to work in the field of intercountry adoption
- (c) Be subject to supervision by competent authorities of that State as to its composition, operation and financial situation.

Article 12

A body accredited in one Contracting State may act in another Contracting State only if the competent authorities of both States have authorised it to do so.

Article 22

1. The functions of a Central Authority under this Chapter may be performed by public authorities or by bodies accredited under Chapter III, to the extent permitted by the law of its State.
2. Any Contracting State may declare to the depositary of the Convention that the functions of the Central Authority under Articles 15-21 may be performed in that state, to the extent permitted by the law and subject to the supervision of the competent authorities of that State, also by bodies or persons who –
 - (a) meet the requirements of integrity, professional competence, experience and accountability of that State; and
 - (b) are qualified by their ethical standards and by training or experience to work in the field of intercountry adoption.