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## Notice: Ministry of Social Development Accepting Applications from Hague Accredited Adoption Service Providers that Wish to Facilitate Adoptions in Lesotho

On June 18, 2012, the Kingdom of Lesotho deposited its instrument of accession to the *Convention on the Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption Convention* (Hague Adoption Convention) with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. On August 24 the Kingdom of Lesotho designated the Ministry of Social Development as the Central Authority for the Convention. The Hague Adoption Convention will enter into force for Lesotho on December 1.

The Ministry of Social Development, Lesotho's Central Authority under the Hague Adoption Convention, is accepting applications from Hague accredited adoption service providers who wish to facilitate the adoption of eligible Mosotho children by qualified U.S. citizen prospective adoptive parents. The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho wishes to select an adoption service provider who meets the following criteria:

- Hague accredited;
- Experienced in helping the sending country establish and run a successful domestic adoption program;
- Experience working in Africa;
- Experience working in a country with a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS; and
- Experience working in a country of orphaned and double-orphaned children.

Interested adoption service providers may submit their application, or direct inquiries, directly to:

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Ministry of Social Development  
Parliament Road  
Maseru 100, Lesotho  
Telephone: 226 58038783  
Email: [chisepol@health.gov.ls](mailto:chisepol@health.gov.ls)

**cc to:**  
**Maeaea Mkhethi**  
**Chief Adoption Officer**  
**Email: [maeaeamkhethi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maeaeamkhethi@yahoo.co.uk)**

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