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Notice: This Adoption Alert is a follow up to the Alert of March 13, 2014

The U.S. Embassy in Yerevan has received reports that prospective adoptive parents are being given misleading information about the adoption process in Armenia. Specifically, there may be misleading information as to who is authorized to provide adoption services and which children are eligible for intercountry adoption.

Please note that Armenian law does not authorize professional facilitators, adoption agencies, or attorneys to provide adoption services in Armenia; it allows prospective adoptive parents and adoption service providers to grant a power of attorney to an individual to handle most aspects of the adoption process on their behalf. These individuals can only provide limited legal services and complete the process in Armenia through direct contact with the Ministry of Justice.

Contact information for the adoption authority and the U.S. Embassy in Armenia is listed below:

ARMENIA'S ADOPTION AUTHORITY:

The Ministry of Justice 41A Halabyan Street Yerevan, Armenia Tel: 374-10-319-093

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The Department of State will provide updated information on adoption.state.gov as it becomes available. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the Office of Children's Issues at 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or 202-501-4444 from outside the United States. Email inquiries may be directed to AdoptionUSCA@state.gov.