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### Notice: India Opens Online Registration for Non-Resident Indian Prospective Adoptive Parents Seeking Referral of Non-Special Needs Child

This is an update to our notice dated November 30, 2012, announcing a temporary suspension on the acceptance of new intercountry adoption applications by the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) and our notice dated March 28, 2013, announcing the partial lifting of the suspension for children classified by CARA as special needs.

CARA informed the U.S. Central Authority that effective February 3, 2014, Indian passport holders may register to adopt Indian children not classified as special needs. CARA will accept online registration from Enlisted Foreign Adoption Agencies (EFAAs) on behalf of non-resident Indians (NRIs) for this expanded group of eligible children. CARA will accept 50 registrations from Indian passport holders per month worldwide for non-special needs children on a first-come, first-served basis. At this time, CARA is not considering online registration for prospective adoptive parents of Indian origin who hold Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) or Person of Indian Origin (PIO) cards. There is no limitation on the number of registrations for children with special needs.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone at 1-888-407-4747 or e-mail us at [adoptionUSCA@state.gov](mailto:adoptionUSCA@state.gov).