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Alert: Update on New Adoption Referrals for Ukraine

The U.S. Embassy in Kyiv has received new information from the Department of Families and Children that the Ukrainian Government is considering a resolution to temporarily suspend adoption referrals to Donetsk and Lugansk regions for the duration of the ongoing anti-terrorist operation. Cases already in process in Ukraine should not be impacted by this proposed temporary suspension of new referrals. The Embassy is monitoring the situation closely and will continue to provide updates.

The U.S. Embassy remains open and is providing full consular services including issuance of immigrant visas to adopted children. Consular officers at the U.S. Embassy are actively engaged and in direct communication with those adoptive parents who may be affected by the current situation.

U.S. families in Ukraine completing an intercountry adoption are encouraged to communicate directly with the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv at KyivAdoptions@state.gov. Additional questions regarding intercountry adoption may also be directed to the Office of Children's Issues at AskCI@state.gov. For more information regarding the current situation in Ukraine and the latest travel warning please visit the Bureau of Consular Affairs' website at travel.state.gov.