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Notice: The Hague Adoption Convention Enters into Force for Namibia on January 1, 2016

The Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-Operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (the Convention) will enter into force for Namibia on January 1, 2016. On December 9, 2015, the Department of State received notification that Namibia had deposited its instruments of accession to the Convention. The Department is currently working to determine whether it will be able to process intercountry adoptions from Namibia once the Convention is in force.

The Department of State will provide a subsequent notice with its determination about Namibia.

Before pursuing an intercountry adoption from Namibia, U.S. prospective adoptive parents should check [adoption.state.gov](#) for updated information on the United States' determination. Results will impact whether or not a U.S. prospective adoptive parent can complete the immigration process for an adopted child from Namibia after the Convention enters into force for Namibia. U.S. prospective adoptive parents who began the adoption process in Namibia prior to January 1, 2016 may contact the Department of State at adoption@state.gov.