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**By Certified Mail**

Ms. Candace O'Brien  
Executive Director  
Adopt International  
420 Lincoln Road, #601  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Dear Ms. O'Brien,

I am writing to inform you that on May 13, 2008, the Council on Accreditation's Accreditation Commission unanimously voted to deny the application for accreditation of Adopt International due to its failure to demonstrate substantial compliance with applicable Hague standards as reflected in the attached Post-Commission Report (see also 22 CFR 96.27). The decision of the Commission is effective as of May 13, 2008.

Please note that pursuant to 22 CFR 96.59(a) there is no administrative or judicial review of an accrediting entity's decision to deny an application for accreditation or approval. An adoption service provider that is denied accreditation or approval may, however, petition COA for reconsideration of the denial (see 22 CFR 96.59(3)(b)).

Moreover, as outlined in the Hague Accreditation and Approval Manual, COA will notify the U.S. Department of State of the denial (see 22 CFR 96.93). Denial of temporary accreditation, accreditation or approval is public information (see 22 CFR 96.91).

If you have any questions, please contact me at 212-797-3000 x260 or Julie Fulmer, Director of Quality Services Management at 212-797-3000, ext. 241. Ms. Fulmer is available to provide your agency with procedures for petitioning COA for reconsideration of the denial (see 22 CFR 96.59(3)(b)).

Sincerely,

Richard Klarberg  
President/CEO

CC: Deborah Waterman, Interim Manager  
Jennifer Flowers, Director of Accreditation Commission  
Julie Fulmer, Director of Quality Services Management

Attachment: May 13, 2008 Post-Commission Review Report

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