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Pages 3-6, General Instructions	<p>[Page 3]</p> <p>General Instructions</p> <p>USCIS provides forms free of charge through the USCIS website. In order to view, print, or fill out our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at http://get.adobe.com/reader/. If you do not have internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283. The USCIS Contact Center provides information in English and Spanish. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: 1-800-767-1833.</p> <p>Signature. Each petition must be properly signed and filed. For all signatures on this petition, USCIS will not accept a stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature. A power of attorney is also not sufficient for USCIS purposes. A legal guardian may sign for a mentally incompetent person.</p> <p>Validity of Signatures. USCIS will consider a photocopied, faxed, or scanned copy of the original, handwritten signature valid for filing purposes. The photocopy, fax, or scan must be of the original document containing the handwritten, ink signature.</p> <p>Filing Fee. Each petition must be</p>	

accompanied by the appropriate filing fee and biometric services fee (if applicable). (See the **What Is the Filing Fee** section of these Instructions.)

Evidence. At the time of filing, you must submit all evidence and supporting documents listed in the **Initial Evidence** section of these Instructions.

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Biometric Services Appointment. USCIS requires that you, your spouse (if married), and/or any adult member of your household appear for an interview or provide biometrics (for example, fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) at any time to verify identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before making a decision on your petition.

1. Petitioners Residing in the United States. After you file your petition, USCIS will notify each person in writing of the date, time, and local or designated USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) where he or she must go to provide biometrics. USCIS may deny your petition if anyone fails to go to his or her appointment.

2. Petitioners Residing Abroad. Each individual who must provide biometrics must go to a USCIS international office, U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate, or U.S. military installation abroad to submit a completed Form FD-258, Applicant Fingerprint Card, or provide biometrics electronically where available. For additional information on obtaining biometric services when residing outside the United States, consult the nearest USCIS international office, U.S. Embassy, or U.S. Consulate.

Biometric Services Appointment. Every individual who is an applicant, petitioner, derivative, beneficiary, or sponsor of an immigration benefit request or other request submitted to USCIS is required to submit biometrics unless USCIS waives or exempts the requirement. For intercountry adoption cases, each adult member of your household 18 years of age or older, and your spouse (if married), must submit biometrics. Beneficiaries are exempt from the biometrics requirement unless USCIS notifies the petitioner that a beneficiary's biometrics are required.

1. Petitioners Residing in the United States. USCIS will notify all parties of the time and place of their appointment if they must appear and will provide requirements for rescheduling if necessary. If any party fails to submit any biometrics as required, USCIS may deny your application, petition, or request.

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DHS may store the biometrics submitted by an individual and use or reuse biometrics to conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), verify identity, produce documents, determine eligibility for immigration and naturalization benefits, or to perform any other functions necessary

	<p>Copies. You should submit legible photocopies of documents requested unless the Instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. USCIS may request an original document at the time of filing or at any time during processing of an application or petition. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.</p> <p>NOTE: If you submit original documents when not required or requested by USCIS, your original documents may be immediately destroyed after we receive them.</p> <p>Translations. If you submit a document with information in a foreign language, you must also submit a full English translation. The translator must sign a certification that the English language translation is complete and accurate, and that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English. The certification must also include the translator’s signature, printed name, the signature date, and the translator’s contact information.</p> <p>Affidavits. If you cannot obtain a required document, you must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit an original typed or printed statement from the governmental agency that should have the record, verifying that the record does not exist; 2. Submit a citation to the U.S. Department 	<p>for administering and enforcing immigration and naturalization laws, and any other law within DHS authority.</p> <p>If you are required to provide biometrics, at your appointment you must sign an oath reaffirming that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You provided or authorized all information in the petition; 2. You reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, your petition; and 3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing. <p>[No change]</p>
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of State Foreign Affairs Manual indicating that the records are generally not available; or

3. Otherwise demonstrate that both the primary and secondary evidence are unavailable. Only then may you submit two or more typed or printed affidavits sworn to or affirmed by persons who are not parties to the petition and have direct personal knowledge of the event and circumstances. Affidavits should contain the following information about each person making the affidavit: his or her full name, address, date and place of birth, relationship to you, full information concerning the event, and complete details on how he or she acquired knowledge of the event.

How To Fill Out Form I-600

1. Type or print legibly in black ink.

2. If you need extra space to complete any item within this petition, use the space provided in **Part 10. Additional Information** or attach a separate sheet of paper. If you attach a separate sheet of paper, type or print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If a question does not apply to you (for example, if you have never been married and the question asks, "Provide the name of your current spouse"), type or print "N/A" unless otherwise directed. If your answer to a question which requires a numeric response is zero or none (for example, "How many children do you have" or "How many times have you departed the United States"), type or print "None" unless otherwise directed.

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4. Biographic Information. If you previously filed Form I-600A and provided biographic information, you do not need to

complete this section. Otherwise, provide the biographic information requested. Providing this information as part of your petition may reduce the time you spend at your USCIS ASC appointment as described in the **Biometric Services Appointment** section of these Instructions.

A. Ethnicity and Race. Select the boxes that best describe your ethnicity and race.

B. Categories and Definitions for Ethnicity and Race

(1) Hispanic or Latino. A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. (**NOTE:** This category is only included under Ethnicity in **Part 1., Item Number 17.**)

(2) American Indian or Alaska Native. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

(3) Asian. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

(4) Black or African American. A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

(5) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

(6) White. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

C. Height. Select the values that best match your height in feet and inches. For example, if you are five feet and nine inches, select “5” for feet and “09” for inches. Do not enter your height in meters or centimeters.

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4. Part 3. Information About Your Home Study and Primary Adoption Service Provider. For **Item Number 1.**, select only one box in **Items A. - D.**, depending on the status of your home study:

A. If you previously submitted your home study with your approved and valid Form I-600A, then select **Item A.** and submit a copy of your Form I-600A approval notice;

B. If you previously submitted your home study, but your Form I-600A is still pending, then select **Item B.** and submit a copy of your Form I-600A fee receipt;

C. If you did not file Form I-600A or filed Form I-600A without your home study, then select **Item C.** and submit your original home study; or

D. If you are unable to submit your home study because your state of residence must review and forward your home study directly to USCIS, then select **Item D.**, but do not file your Form I-600 until your state authority is ready to send your home study to USCIS.

NOTE: If you do not have your home study yet because your state authority must review and approve it, **but will forward it to you (as opposed to USCIS directly)**, then do not file your Form I-600 until you have received your home study from your state authority. When you have received your home study, select **Item C.** and submit your original home study with your petition.

5. Part 5. Accommodations for

D. Weight. Enter your weight in pounds. If you do not know your weight or need to enter a weight under 30 pounds or over 699 pounds, enter "000." Do not enter your weight in kilograms.

E. Eye Color. Select the box that best describes the color of your eyes.

F. Hair Color. Select the box that best describes the color of your hair.

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	<p>Individuals With Disabilities and/or Impairments. USCIS is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities and/or impairments that will help them fully participate in USCIS programs and benefits.</p> <p>Reasonable accommodations vary with each disability and/or impairment. They may involve modifications to practices or procedures. There are various types of reasonable accommodations that we may offer. Examples include but are not limited to:</p> <p>A. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, USCIS may provide you with a sign-language interpreter at an interview or other immigration benefit-related appointment; or</p> <p>[New]</p> <p>B. If you are unable to travel to a designated USCIS location for an interview, USCIS may visit you at your home or a hospital.</p> <p>If you believe that you need USCIS to accommodate you, your spouse's (if married), or other adult household member's disability and/or impairment, select "Yes" in Item Number 1. and then all applicable boxes in Items A. - C. in Item Number 3. that describe the nature of the disabilities and/or impairments. Also, describe the types of requested accommodations on the lines provided. If requesting a sign-language interpreter, indicate for which language. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 10. Additional Information.</p> <p>[New]</p>	<p>Individuals With Disabilities and/or Impairments. USCIS is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities and/or impairments that will help them fully participate in USCIS programs and benefits.</p> <p>Reasonable accommodations vary with each disability and/or impairment. They may involve modifications to practices or procedures. There are various types of reasonable accommodations that we may offer. Examples include but are not limited to:</p> <p>A. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, USCIS may provide you with a sign-language interpreter at an interview or other immigration benefit-related appointment; or</p> <p>B. If you are blind or have low vision, USCIS may permit you to take a test orally rather than in writing; or</p> <p>C. If you are unable to travel to a designated USCIS location for an interview, USCIS may visit you at your home or a hospital.</p> <p>If you believe that you need USCIS to accommodate you, your spouse's (if married), or other adult household member's disability and/or impairment, select "Yes" in Item Number 1. and then all applicable boxes in Items A. - C. in Item Number 3. that describe the nature of the disabilities and/or impairments. Also, describe the types of requested accommodations on the lines provided. If requesting a sign-language interpreter, indicate for which language. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 10. Additional Information.</p> <p>NOTE: All domestic USCIS facilities meet the “Standards for Accessible Design” of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), so you do not need to contact USCIS to request an accommodation for physical access to a domestic USCIS office. However, in Part 5. of this petition,</p>
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	<p>6. Part 6. Petitioner’s Statement, Certification, Duty of Disclosure, and Signature. Select the appropriate box to indicate whether you read this petition yourself or whether you had an interpreter assist you. Also, if someone assisted you in completing the petition, select the box indicating that you used a preparer. Additionally, under 8 CFR 204.311(d), you, your spouse (if married), and any adult member of your household have an ongoing duty of disclosure throughout the adoption process. (See the Duty of Disclosure section for specific information.) Read the Duty of Disclosure statement, then sign and date this section of the petition. Every petition MUST contain the signature of the petitioner. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.</p> <p>7. Part 7. Your Spouse's Statement, Certification, Duty of Disclosure, and Signature. Your spouse should select the appropriate box to indicate whether he or she read this petition themselves or whether he or she had an interpreter assist them. If someone assisted your spouse in completing the petition, select the box indicating that he or she used a preparer. Additionally, under 8 CFR 204.311(d),</p>	<p>you can indicate whether you use a wheelchair. This will allow USCIS to better prepare for your visit.</p> <p>NOTE: USCIS also ensures that limited English proficient (LEP) individuals are provided meaningful access at an interview or other immigration benefit-related appointment, unless otherwise prohibited by law. LEP individuals may bring a qualified interpreter to the interview.</p> <p>USCIS considers requests for reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis, and we will make our best efforts to reasonably accommodate your disabilities and/or impairments. USCIS will not exclude you from participating in USCIS programs or deny your petition because of your disabilities and/or impairments. Requesting and/or receiving an accommodation will not affect your eligibility for an immigration benefit.</p> <p>7. Part 6. Petitioner’s Statement, Certification, Duty of Disclosure, and Signature. Select the appropriate box to indicate whether you read this petition yourself or whether you had an interpreter assist you. Also, if someone assisted you in completing the petition, select the box indicating that you used a preparer. Additionally, under 8 CFR 204.311(d), you, your spouse (if married), and any adult member of your household have an ongoing duty of disclosure throughout the adoption process. (See the Duty of Disclosure section for specific information.) Read the Duty of Disclosure statement, then sign and date this section of the petition. Every petition MUST contain the signature of the petitioner. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.</p> <p>8. Part 7. Your Spouse's Statement, Certification, Duty of Disclosure, and Signature. Your spouse should select the appropriate box to indicate whether he or she read this petition themselves or whether he or she had an interpreter assist them. If someone assisted your spouse in completing the petition, select the box indicating that he or she used a preparer. Additionally, under 8 CFR 204.311(d),</p>
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your spouse (if married) has an ongoing duty of disclosure throughout the adoption process. (See the **Duty of Disclosure** section for specific information.) Your spouse must read the **Duty of Disclosure** statement, then sign and date this section of the petition. Every petition **MUST** contain the signature of your spouse. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

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8. Part 8. Interpreter’s Contact Information, Certification, and Signature. If you and/or your spouse (if married) used anyone as an interpreter to read the Instructions and questions on this petition to you in a language in which you are fluent, the interpreter must fill out this section; provide his or her name, the name and address of his or her business or organization (if any), his or her daytime telephone number, his or her mobile telephone number (if any), and his or her email address (if any). The interpreter must sign and date the petition.

9. Part 9. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Petition, if Other Than the Petitioner and/or Spouse. This section must contain the signature of the person who completed your petition, if other than you, the petitioner and/or your spouse (if married). If the same individual acted as an interpreter and preparer for you and your spouse (if married), that person should complete both **Part 8.** and **Part 9.** If the person who completed this petition is associated with a business or organization, that person should complete the business or organization name and address information. Anyone who helped you and/or your spouse complete this petition **MUST** sign and date the petition. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable. If the person who helped you and/or your spouse prepare your petition is an attorney or accredited representative, he or she may also need to submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, or Form G-28I, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney

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	<p>In Matters Outside the Geographical Confines of the United States, along with your petition.</p> <p>Only an individual who is licensed in the United States as an attorney (or who is otherwise permitted under 8 CFR parts 1.2, 292.1, and 292.2 to practice before USCIS) may give you legal advice or provide any other legal services concerning your application. You should ask anyone providing you with legal advice if he or she is licensed to practice law or is otherwise permitted by U.S. law to provide you with legal advice about immigration processes.</p> <p>An "accredited representative" means an individual accredited under 8 CFR 292.2(d) to practice before USCIS and/or the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). This type of accreditation to provide legal services is separate and distinct from accreditation to provide adoption services under the Department of State regulations at 22 CFR 96.</p> <p>10. Part 10. Additional Information. If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this petition, use the space provided in Part 10. Additional Information. If you need more space than what is provided in Part 10., you may make copies of Part 10. to complete and file with your petition, or attach a separate sheet of paper. If you attach a separate sheet of paper, type or print your name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.</p> <p>We recommend that you print or save a copy of your completed petition to review in the future and for your records. We recommend that you review your copy of your completed petition before you go to your biometric services appointment at a USCIS ASC. At your appointment, USCIS will permit you to complete the petition process only if you are able to confirm, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information in your petition is complete, true, and correct. If you are not able to make that attestation in</p>	<p>In Matters Outside the Geographical Confines of the United States, along with your petition.</p> <p>Only an individual who is licensed in the United States as an attorney (or who is otherwise permitted under 8 CFR parts 1.2, 292.1, and 292.2 to practice before USCIS) may give you legal advice or provide any other legal services concerning your application. You should ask anyone providing you with legal advice if he or she is licensed to practice law or is otherwise permitted by U.S. law to provide you with legal advice about immigration processes.</p> <p>An "accredited representative" means an individual accredited under 8 CFR 292.2(d) to practice before USCIS and/or the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). This type of accreditation to provide legal services is separate and distinct from accreditation to provide adoption services under the Department of State regulations at 22 CFR 96.</p> <p>11. Part 10. Additional Information. If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this petition, use the space provided in Part 10. Additional Information. If you need more space than what is provided in Part 10., you may make copies of Part 10. to complete and file with your petition, or attach a separate sheet of paper. If you attach a separate sheet of paper, type or print your name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.</p> <p>We recommend that you print or save a copy of your completed petition to review in the future and for your records. We recommend that you review your copy of your completed petition before you go to your biometric services appointment at a USCIS ASC. At your appointment, USCIS will permit you to complete the petition process only if you are able to confirm, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information in your petition is complete, true, and correct. If you are not able to make that attestation in</p>
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Pages 7-11, Initial Evidence	<p>[Page 7]</p> <p>Initial Evidence</p> <p>Unless otherwise stated, you must submit the supporting documentation below with your Form I-600.</p> <p>If you are seeking to file Form I-600 for a child that is 15 years of age, see the What Are the Eligibility Requirements section of these Instructions.</p> <p>1. Proof of Petitioner's U.S. Citizenship</p> <p>If you previously submitted proof of your U.S. citizenship with your pending or approved and valid Form I-600A, you do not need to submit it again unless USCIS requests it. Otherwise, please submit the evidence listed below.</p> <p>A. If you were born in the U.S., you must submit a copy of your birth certificate issued by a civil registrar, vital statistics office, or other civil authority. If your birth certificate is not available, submit a statement from the appropriate civil authority certifying that your birth certificate is not available and secondary evidence, such as:</p> <p>(1) Religious records bearing the seal of the organization showing the baptism, dedication, or comparable rite occurred within two months after your birth and showing the date and place of your birth, date of the religious ceremony, and the names of your parents;</p> <p>(2) School records issued by the authority (preferably the first school you attended) showing the date of your admission to the school, your age at the time, and your parents' names and places of birth;</p> <p>(3) Census records (state or Federal) showing your name, place of birth, and date of birth or age;</p> <p>(4) Affidavits sworn to or affirmed by persons who were living at the time of your</p>	[No change]

birth and who have personal knowledge of your date and place of birth in the United States. Affidavits should contain the following information about each person making the affidavit: his or her full name, address, date and place of birth, relationship to you, full information concerning the event, and complete details on how he or she acquired knowledge of your birth; or

(5) An unexpired **U.S. passport** issued with 10 years of validity.

B. If you were born outside the United States, submit a copy of one of the following:

(1) Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship issued by USCIS or the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS);

(2) Form FS-240, Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States, issued by a U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate;

(3) An unexpired U.S. passport issued with 10 years of validity; or

(4) An original statement from a U.S. consular officer verifying your U.S. citizenship with an unexpired passport.

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NOTE: If you are married and your spouse lives in the United States, you must submit proof that your spouse is living in the United States lawfully. If your spouse is a U.S. citizen or non-citizen U.S. national, you must submit the evidence listed above as proof of your spouse's U.S. citizenship or non-citizen U.S. national status. If your spouse is a foreign national who is residing in the United States, submit proof of your spouse's lawful immigration status, such as a Permanent Resident Card (Green Card); Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record; a copy of the biographic pages of your spouse's passport and his or her nonimmigrant visa pages showing an admission stamp; or any other Department of Homeland Security (DHS)-issued document.

	<p>2. Proof of Marriage of Petitioner and Spouse (if applicable)</p> <p>If you are married, you must submit a copy of your marriage certificate. If you or your spouse were previously married, you must also submit proof of termination of any prior marriages. However, if you previously submitted any of this evidence with a pending or approved and valid Form I-600A, you do not need to submit it again unless USCIS requests it.</p> <p>If any change occurs in your marital status while your petition is pending, immediately notify the USCIS office or the government entity that USCIS designates as having jurisdiction over your case. See the Home Study Updates section of these Instructions below for more details on changes in marital status.</p> <p>3. Proof of Orphan's Age and Identity</p> <p>Submit a copy of the orphan's birth certificate, or if such a certificate is not available, an explanation together with other proof of age and identity. Secondary evidence can include medical records, school records, religious records, entry in a family Bible, orphanage intake sheets, or affidavits from individuals with first-hand knowledge of the event(s) to which they are testifying. If there is doubt that the child is the birth child of his or her purported birth parent, USCIS may allow you to submit DNA evidence to establish the claimed relationship.</p> <p>4. Copies of Death Certificates of Child's Parents (if applicable)</p> <p>...</p>	<p>3. Proof of Orphan's Age and Identity</p> <p>Submit a copy of the orphan's birth certificate, or if such a certificate is not available, an explanation together with other proof of age and identity. Secondary evidence can include medical records, school records, religious records, entry in a family Bible, orphanage intake sheets, or affidavits from individuals with first-hand knowledge of the event(s) to which they are testifying. If needed to establish a child's eligibility for classification as an orphan, USCIS may require other evidence of a claimed birth parent genetic relationship, such as deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) testing. USCIS will only accept DNA test results from laboratories accredited by the AABB (formerly the American Association of Blood Banks). A list of laboratories can be viewed at www.aabb.org/sa/facilities/Pages/RTestA ccrFac.aspx.</p> <p>[No change]</p> <p>...</p>
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	<p>DHS Privacy Notice</p> <p>AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this petition, and the associated evidence, is collected under the INA sections 101(b)(1)(F), 201, and 204, 8 CFR 204.3, 8 CFR 204.301, and 8 CFR 204.311.</p> <p>PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this petition is to determine if you have established that a child is an orphan and eligible to be classified as your immediate relative for immigration purposes. For petitioners who do not have a previously approved Form I-600A which remains valid, the information on this petition will also enable USCIS to determine whether you are suitable and eligible to adopt. DHS will use the information you provide to grant or deny your petition.</p> <p>DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision in your case or result in denial of your petition.</p> <p>ROUTINE USES: DHS may share the information you provide on this petition with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS-005 – Inter-County Adoptions Security and DHS/USCIS-001 – Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records] and published privacy impact assessments [DHS/USCIS/PIA-007(b) Domestically Filed Intercounty Adoptions Applications and Petitions and DHS/USCIS/PIA-051 Case and Activity Management for International Operations], which you can find at www.dhs.privacy. DHS may also share the information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.</p>	<p>DHS Privacy Notice</p> <p>AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this petition, and the associated evidence, is collected under Immigration and Nationality Act sections 101(b)(1)(F), 103, 201, and 204, 8 CFR parts 204.1, 204.3, 204.301, and 8 CFR 204.311.</p> <p>PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this petition is to determine if you have established that a child is an orphan and eligible to be classified as your immediate relative for immigration purposes. For petitioners who do not have a previously approved and valid Form I-600A, the information with this petition will also enable USCIS to concurrently determine whether you are suitable and eligible to adopt. DHS will use this information you provide to approve or deny your petition.</p> <p>DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, including your Social Security number (if applicable), and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision in your case or result in denial of your petition.</p> <p>ROUTINE USES: DHS may share the information you provide on this petition with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS/ICE/CBP-001 Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records, DHS/USCIS-005 Inter-County Adoptions Security and DHS/USCIS-018 Immigration Biometric Background Check] and published privacy impact assessments [DHS/USCIS/PIA-007(b) Domestically Filed Intercounty Adoptions Applications and Petitions and DHS/USCIS/PIA-051 Case and Activity Management for International Operations], which you can find at www.dhs.privacy. DHS may also share the information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.</p>
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<p>Page 16, Paperwork Reduction Act</p>	<p>[Page 16]</p> <p>Paperwork Reduction Act</p> <p>An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the petition, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the application. The collection of biometrics is estimated to require 1 hour and 10 minutes. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140; OMB No. 1615-0028. Do not mail your completed Form I-600 to this address.</p>	<p>[Page 16]</p> <p>Paperwork Reduction Act</p> <p>An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the petition, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the application. The collection of biometrics is estimated to require 3 hours and 40 minutes. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140; OMB No. 1615-0028. Do not mail your completed Form I-600 to this address.</p>