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Attention: The Secretary

Standing Committee on family and Human services Inquiry into Adoption of children from Overseas

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to express my belief that the Federal Government could help couples adopting from Taiwan by allowing the child to come home after the Intial decree was granted. This is the practice in some other countries (The Netherlands) and would allow the child to be placed in the care of his/her adopted parents some 4-6 weeks earlier than is presently the case. This would be of obvious advantage to the adopted child (in assisting bonding) and the adopting parents (decreasing the wait between allocation and placement of the child etc).

Yours sincerely

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