



## STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS

Please initial each statement to acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to the following:

\_\_\_\_ I/we understand that ADOPT has a policy against using physical punishment as a form of discipline. As part of the Home Study process, I/we will be learning about positive discipline techniques which research and experience has shown to be effective. Discipline is the process of teaching self-control.

\_\_\_\_ I/we understand that ADOPT has a "No Artificial Twinning" policy that does not allow two unrelated children to enter the home within 9-12 months of each other. I/we will inform ADOPT if I/we should become pregnant or am in the process of adopting unrelated children.

\_\_\_\_ I/we understand that **any** detainment, arrest, expunged record or conviction must be disclosed during the application process and listed on the application. Any incident involving substance abuse, child abuse, sexual abuse or domestic violence that has occurred in a prospective parent's past will be documented in the body of the Home Study. If you have been told that your record has been expunged, please note this on the application. (Often records that have been expunged continued to show up on DOJ records). If any of the above information is not disclosed, Adopt International reserves the right to terminate services and deny your home study.

\_\_\_\_ I/we understand that if I/we have a Home Study completed by ADOPT, I/we must inform ADOPT of **any** child placement for which that Home Study is used within 1 week, or prior to placement (whichever comes first).

\_\_\_\_ I/we understand that a domestic home study remains valid for 1 year from the date that it is signed. Generally, international home studies remain valid until immigration approval expires, but due to the complex nature of the international adoption process, it is my responsibility to keep track of the validity of my home study. It is my responsibility to contact my Home Study agency to amend the Home Study with enough advance notice (3 months) in order to avoid a lapse in approval.

\_\_\_\_ I/we understand that all fees are due prior to rendering of service.

\_\_\_\_ I/we have received and understand Adopt International's Grievance and Complaint Procedure.

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Parent #1 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent #2 Signature

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Date