

15 JULY 2014

NOTICE – Helping Hands Adoption Mediation Agency - HHAMA

SUBJECT – Accreditation for India

The Adoption Authority has been informed that Helping Hands Adoption Mediation Agency (HHAMA) has been accredited to work in India by CARA, the Indian National Central Authority. Accreditation is for facilitating the adoption of children under CARA's **'Special Needs Programme'**.

On 28 February 2014, pursuant to Article 22 of the '1993 Convention on Protection of Children and Co-Operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption', the Adoption Authority decided to delegate its functions under A15, A16 and A17 to Helping Hands Adoption Mediation Agency with regard to adoptions from India.

On 3 March 2014, the Adoption Authority of Ireland approved the following INDIA Programme Fee for adoptions facilitated by Helping Hands Adoption Mediation Agency.

The India Programme Fee applies to the Indian costs for intercountry adoption and is additional to the **Common Programme Fee (CPF)**.

Charge #1	India Costs to CARA*	\$5,000
Charge #2	Facilitation in India	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL INDIA Programme Fee</b>		<b>\$6,500</b>

The Adoption Authority of Ireland will continue to monitor the situation in India, but for the time being, and as decided by CARA, India remains closed to receiving Hague Convention Article 15 Assessment Reports from prospective adoptive parents wishing to adopt children in the 'normal category'.