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## Russia

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### Notice: Update on Negotiations

U.S. - Russia Joint Statement on Intercountry Adoption - 6/24/10

Delegations from the United States and Russia met December 1-3, 2010 in Washington, D.C. for the fifth round of talks on a bilateral agreement regarding intercountry adoptions. The talks were fruitful, and further progress was made. Several key issues remain under discussion; however, both sides remain committed to reaching an agreement. A decision on scheduling future talks will be taken once both sides complete respective interagency reviews of the draft text.

If you have completed an adoption in Russia and have an immigrant visa appointment at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow:

The U.S. Embassy in Moscow is continuing to schedule and issue immigrant visas for adopted children using normal processing procedures. [Contact the Embassy](#) at [MoscowConsularR@state.gov](mailto:MoscowConsularR@state.gov) to schedule an appointment. Please also stay in close touch with your adoption service provider.

**If you have a court appointment to finalize your child's adoption in Russia:**

Many adoption cases are continuing to move forward in the courts. We have heard of cases in which a court appointment has been postponed. If your court appointment is postponed by the court, please provide this information to us by email at [RussiaAdoption@state.gov](mailto:RussiaAdoption@state.gov) and [MoscowConsularR@state.gov](mailto:MoscowConsularR@state.gov). Neither the Department of State and nor the U.S. Embassy have the authority to intervene with the Russian courts on any individual case and cannot provide a letter for use in the courts. Adoption service providers and/or legal representatives in Russia may be able to make inquiries about your case on your behalf with Russian courts.

**If you do not yet have a court date to finalize an adoption in Russia, but are in the process of adopting from Russia:**

Please stay in close contact with your adoption service provider, and check this website regularly for current information about intercountry adoption from Russia.