

Questions to Ask International Adoption Agencies

- 1. How many years have you been working in international adoption?**
- 2. Which countries do you work with, and how many placements did you make last year from each? How many years have you been placing children from each of these countries?**
- 3. Are your overseas staff contract employees who work with many agencies, or do they work only with you?**
- 4. Do you have a complete description of all fees, including agency fees, translator fees (if applicable), donations, and the various countries' fees?**
- 5. If the country I apply to changes its rules and I become disqualified, can I switch to another country?**
- 6. Can you provide a copy of your contract?**
- 7. Who will help me prepare my dossier?**
- 8. After my dossier is complete, how long will I wait before placement?**
- 9. Does your agency require a promise never to use corporal punishment?**
- 10. If travel is involved, how long should I expect to be out of the country? Will my spouse and I both need to travel?**
- 11. Do you subcontract with other agencies in countries where your agency is not certified?**