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To your №:.....

To
Mrs. Angela Krasteva
President of "Family" National
Association
10 "Hristo Belchev" str., fl.3
Sofia

Dear Mrs. Krasteva,

In relation to your numerous inquiries to the Intercountry Adoption Council and the Ministry of Justice, concerning the adoption of children by cohabitating same sex couples, I inform you the following:

The conditions for adoption are regulated in Section 1, Chapter eight of the Family Code and they lack a norm, concerning the sexual orientation of the individuals.

The Hague Convention from 29.05.1993 determines the state bodies and the central authority of the state by habitual place of residence of the adopting individuals as competent in assessing their suitability for intercountry adoption. In compliance with these regulations, the individuals, who were granted permission for adoption and registered in the adopter's register under art. 113, par. 1, p.2 of the Family Code are presented at a meeting of the IAC, in accordance with the child's characteristics, stated by them and the succession of registration. The Council chooses the most suitable adopter always considering the best interest of the certain child.

In that sense, as a matter of principle, the determination of adopters as suitable or unsuitable is outside the competence of the IAC and the Ministry of Justice.

Deputy Minister: illegible signature
Daniela Masheva

Stamp of the Ministry of Justice, Republic of Bulgaria

I, the undersigned Maria Krasteva Topchieva, PIN 8707284613, hereby certify that this is an accurate translation from Bulgarian into English made by me of the enclosed document – Letter. The translation consists of 1 page.

