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From: _____

To: Ambassador in the Embassy of Denmark – Kampala

RE: Legal requirements for adoption and other information related to birth certificate

Date: 27/04/2015

Following your further request to provide clarification on the matter of adoption, we wish to respond as follows:

1. **Can unmarried single male adopt children in Rwanda:** *the law does not prohibit this because as per Article 335 paragraph two of the law we earlier provided, even the divorced can adopt if the guardian so wishes. This means:*
 - *No discrimination even to the single unmarried man;*
 - *The law is silent on this. Thus we use the provision provided above.*
2. **Whether there are a limit number of children one can adopt:** *The law is silent on this, thus no limit. But no one can be adopted by many individuals as we earlier mentioned in our previous memo.*



3. **Whether there is a minimum age for someone to adopt:** *Yes as provided by Article 333, adoption shall be accepted when adoptive parent is only above 35 years old.*

4. **What constitutes legitimate motive:** *This constitutes a measure taken by an adoptive family for the purpose of care, protection or decent treatment of the child. Therefore the legitimate motive constitutes what can be done in line with this and for the interest of the child.*

5. **Legitimate motive that can lead to the reduction of age limit:** *This usually comes when a parent of the child wishes to marry or remarry and the wife or the husband that has been married wishes to adopt such a child. If the who wishes to marry does not possess the age required age, then there can be a reduction of age limit.*

Best regards.

For _____

Attorney at law