



# The end of the suspension on international adoption in the Democratic Republic of Congo [DRC]

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This lifting of the moratorium was announced by Ms. Berthe Bongo Kaya, deputy head of cabinet in the Ministry of Gender, Family and Children of the DRC.

This announcement met with many emotions including from adoptive families. For some, it's been almost two years that they have officially adopted a child but he could not leave the country following the establishment of a moratorium.

As a reminder, on 25 September 2013, the DRC government announced the suspension to adopt a Congolese child from orphanages within its territory following allegations that some were abandoned by their adoptive parents, while others were "sold to homosexuals." Since then, several thousand procedures were then suspended.

With this takeover, "all outstanding issues in adoption will be reconsidered," said a member of the Interdepartmental Commission for International Adoption in DRC.