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## **STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND RISKS FOR BRAZILIAN ADOPTIONS**

Families Thru International Adoption, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “FTIA”) and the undersigned Adopting Parent(s) enter into this Agreement, which supplements the Application and Adoption Services Agreement, with the intention of working toward an international adoption from Brazil. By their signatures below, Adopting Parent(s) acknowledge their understanding of the risks that are inherent to international adoption and agree to the following:

1. Children referred internationally from Brazil should be expected to be of six (6) years of age and older. Adopting Parent(s) may request a child between five (5) and six (6) years old but must recognize that the wait time for a referral under age six (6) may be considerably longer.
2. Current time frames as listed in the Brazil Dossier Guide are only estimates, especially with regard to referrals. The final time frame for referral may be longer or shorter depending on the circumstances of the particular adoption and flexibility of the family regarding their age and gender preferences for a child.
3. Translations of the dossier are required to be completed in Brazil by a certified public translator. The translation fee of \$2500 is an estimate which, ultimately, could be higher or lower depending on the number of documents in your dossier, as well as the length and complexity of the documents. The actual price will be determined once your file has been shipped to Brazil and reviewed by our attorney and translation service. An invoice will be sent to FTIA with the final amount due listed. This invoice will be forwarded to the Adopting Parent(s) and, if you wish to proceed, payment will be expected to be sent overnight to FTIA.
4. The international fee and translation fee will cover the translation, certification, and submission of your dossier to ONE (1) State in Brazil. Should Adopting Parent(s) wish to have the dossier submitted to additional States there will be additional translation fees, as well as additional international fees.
5. The State(s) to which a dossier will be submitted is at the discretion of FTIA’s attorney in Brazil in consultation with FTIA. Adopting Parent(s) preferences/requests will be taken into consideration. However, the final decision will be made by our attorney based upon which State appears to currently have the most expedient

process. Our goal is for the adopting parents to receive their habilitation (CEJAI approval) and referral as quickly as possible.

6. Adopting Parent(s) recognize and accept that the country of Brazil requires the following:

- An in-country socialization period of 30 days for the adoption of a child over the age of 2 years.
- For a married couple, both adoptive parents should be present the entire 30 days except under extraordinary circumstance.
- Only CEJAI can authorize one parent to leave before this period has been completed.

The Adopting Parent(s) must plan for a possible in-country stay of up to 45 days. FTIA cannot request pre-approval for families, therefore, families adopting from Brazil must be willing and able to stay the entire time.

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Keith M. Wallace  
Executive Director  
Families Thru International Adoption, Inc.

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