



Embassy of the United States of America
Riga, Latvia

Consular Section
May 20, 2009

Ivetai Zalpēterei
Ministry of Children, Family and Integration Affairs
Zigfrīda Annas Meierovics blvd. 14
Rīga, LV-1050

Dear Ms.Zalpētere:

In my duties as Consul of the United States in Latvia, it has come to my attention that the charitable organization from the United States of America, *Orphan Logistics & Relief, Inc.* and its partner *World Links International Adoption Agency, Inc.* have attempted to provide evidence to the Ministry of Children, Family and Integration Affairs to show that their recently designed host family exchange program for Latvian orphans meets the requirements of the Latvian Law On Protection Of Rights Of The Child.

I have reviewed the statements and documentary evidence submitted by the above organizations to the Ministry. Please be informed that, in my opinion, the documentary evidence presented by Samuel Holton and Tatiana Suslin representing *Orphan Logistics & Relief, Inc.* demonstrates that the activities carried out by this organization and its partner *World Links International Adoption Agency, Inc.* are consistent with U.S. state and federal laws for these types of organizations.

Over the past years the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Riga has closely monitored different host family exchange programs for Latvian orphans. They have been a great success without incident. Representatives from *Orphan Logistics & Relief, Inc.* and *World Links International Adoption Agency, Inc.* have provided documentary evidence showing that they understand and will comply with all Latvian and U.S. immigration and child protection laws. Potential adoptive parents are informed that they must

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comply with existing adoption laws of both countries before these children may become eligible to immigrate to the U.S. and acquire U.S. citizenship.

I respectfully request that the Ministry favorably consider *Orphan Logistics & Relief, Inc.* and its partners to start a new host family exchange program for Latvian orphans. Please do not hesitate to contact me at + 371 – 6703 6200 if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen T. Frahm".

Stephen T. Frahm
Consul of the United States