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(SBU) Case Statistics - The number of cases over 60 days continues to drop. On March 28, there were 20 cases over 60 days. Today that number is down to 10, and we expect that decisions will go out in most, if not all of these cases this week. Average case processing time is currently 43 days. Post will be working this week on updates to our website to try and give PAPs a better sense of case processing times and the blocked provinces issue. We will be sending these draft updates for review thru the Adoption OI.

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(SBU) Conference Call - With the growing number of initiatives/issues in adoption processing (DNA testing, blocked provinces, the development of a public fraud summary, and the proposal to declare that Vietnam lacks a competent adoption authority, etc.), we think it would be useful to make sure that all USG elements working on adoption are on the same page. Accordingly, we would like to propose a conference call between CA, USCIS-HQ, USCIS-HCMC and the consular section Hanoi for either Wednesday or Thursday this week. We would appreciate thoughts overnight whether Washington offices feel that such a call would be useful and your availability.

(SBU) Phu Tho Delays Meetings - We had requested a series of meetings in Phu Tho province to help resolved the issues surrounding I-604 investigations in that province. We had proposed holding the meetings during the week of April 21. The provincial External Relations Office today informed post that due to upcoming Vietnamese holidays, they can not consider our request at this time. They added that we should not expect the request to be reviewed until late April, and if approved, we would not be able to hold the meetings until May.