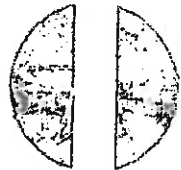


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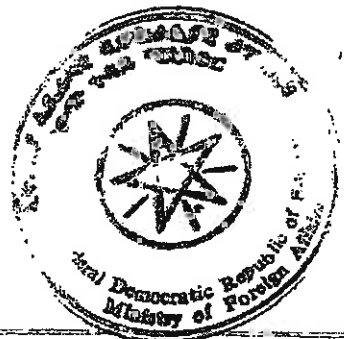
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia presents its compliments to the Embassy of The United States of America and has the honour to refer to the latter's note No. 11- 240 dated February 14, 2011 regarding the adoption cases being processed under the name of Better Futures Adoption Service (BFAS).

In this regard, the Ministry would like to confirm to the esteemed Embassy that the registration of BFAS has been revoked apparently because the organization has been abusing its license by engaging in activities contrary to the welfare of children. The Ministry would therefore like to inform the esteemed Embassy that all cases that have been approved through the court proceedings, but are awaiting the final approval of the Ministry of Women and Youth Affairs, as well as the cases that have reached court, but have not been approved by the Federal First Instance Court are suspended.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

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