

## **NCFA Endorses International Adoption Policy Statement**

The National Council For Adoption has joined a coalition of adoption advocates, headed by Dr. Elizabeth Bartholet, Professor of Law & Faculty Director of the Child Advocacy Program at Harvard Law School, in support of the recently published [International Adoption Policy Statement and Supporting Report](#). Other endorsees are the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, the Center for Adoption Policy and the Harvard Law School Child Advocacy Program.

NCFA is also a signatory on a [press release](#) issued by Dr. Bartholet on the recent controversy surrounding Madonna's second adoption efforts in Malawi, which calls on judges and policymakers to review and consider the International Adoption Policy Statement before drafting policies and issuing rulings in intercountry adoption cases.

NCFA has been a longtime supporter of intercountry adoption as a viable option for finding permanent homes for the millions of orphans worldwide, regardless of race, creed, ethnicity or national origins. NCFA fully supports the Hague Convention's policy that intercountry adoption best serves the interest of children who cannot remain in the care of their families of origin and for whom no in-country adoption placement can be made.

For NCFA's complete position and policy statement on intercountry adoption, please see the April, 2009 edition of the [Adoption Advocate](#), entitled "A Case for Ethical Intercountry Adoption."