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Representative Shelley Hughes
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Dear Representative Hughes,

The section of the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) specific to the treaty (Sec. 97, page 44) is not yet in effect. Public Law 113-183 Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, signed into law in September of 2014, required all U.S. States and Territories to adopt UIFSA 2008 in their next legislative session. It is anticipated that all U.S jurisdictions will pass UIFSA 2008 into law by July 1, 2016.

The treaty provisions will take effect when the United States ratifies the Convention and deposits its instruments of ratification with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the depository of the Convention. Until this happens, Alaska's child support agency will continue to enforce international orders in the same manner currently used.

The U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons produces a yearly Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report. The full TIP report for 2014 is available at http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2014/226649.htm. I have included a list of countries who are signers to the treat and the Tier Placements for your convenience.

I, or my designee, will provide certification to the legislature that no Tier 3 country has become a member of the treaty once the treaty is in effect and every year thereafter.

Respectfully,

Randall J. Hoffbeck
Commissioner
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cc: Carol Beecher, Director, Child Support