

AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____

OFFERED BY MS. BASS OF CALIFORNIA

(Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2012)

At the end of title VIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 8xx. INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION STRATEGY.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than December 31,
3 2012, the Secretary of State should develop and define
4 a strategy for inter-country adoptions between the United
5 States and foreign countries with over 100 adoptions into
6 the United States per year.

7 (b) **MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.**—The strategy de-
8 scribed in subsection (a) should include—

9 (1) principles to guide the efforts of the De-
10 partment of State to encourage and support coun-
11 tries to ratify the Hague Convention on Protection
12 of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Inter-
13 country Adoption (“Hague Convention”);

14 (2) a statement highlighting the United States
15 commitment to the Hague Convention and a sum-
16 mary of its most significant provisions;

17 (3) recommendations on bridging and coordi-
18 nating the various policies of the Hague Convention,

1 the States, United States courts, and United States
2 Government departments; and

3 (4) specific methods to encourage compliance
4 with post-adoption reporting and monitoring.

5 (c) ROLE OF SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECU-
6 RITY.—The Secretary of State should work with the Sec-
7 retary of Homeland Security in developing the rec-
8 ommendations described in subsection (b)(3).

9 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress supports the
10 Department of State's ongoing efforts to assist countries
11 in amending their adoptions policies in order to come into
12 alignment with the Hague Convention.

