

SRES 502

A resolution concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 29, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HRES 588	Related bill	Jul 8, 2014: The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on July 29, 2014. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Affirms that all children deserve a safe, loving, and permanent family.

Recognizes the importance of ensuring that international adoptions of all children are conducted in an ethical and transparent manner.

Expresses concern over the impact on children and families caused by the current suspension of exit permit issuance within the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Requests that such government: (1) resume processing adoption cases and issuing exit permits via the Ministry of Gender and Family's Interministerial Adoption Committee and Directorate of General Migration; (2) prioritize the processing of intercountry adoptions which were initiated before the suspension, and (3) expedite the processing of adoptions involving medically fragile children.

Encourages continued dialogue and cooperation between the Department of State and the Democratic Republic of the Congo's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to improve the intercountry adoption process and ensure the welfare of all children adopted from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 31, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR 8/1/2014 S5313--5314; text as passed Senate: CR 8/1/2014 S5313-5313)
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- **Jul 29, 2014:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 29, 2014:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble. Without written report.
- **Jul 29, 2014:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 495.
- **Jul 15, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 15, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4509-4510)

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