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AGENDA OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE FOR A WORLD CONVENTION ON ADOPTION LAW

Note verbale dated 27 June from the Permanent Representative of Liberia
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Liberia to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him that the Government of Liberia proposes the inclusion of an item entitled "United Nations Conference for a World Convention on Adoption Law" in the provisional agenda of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, an explanatory memorandum is attached which outlines briefly and emphasizes the importance the Government of Liberia attaches to this item.

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Liberia to the United Nations takes this occasion to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of his highest sentiments and esteem.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The Government of the Republic of Liberia has always supported efforts aimed at the settlement of problems that affect mankind as a whole. It is for this reason that it proposes inclusion in the provisional agenda of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly the item entitled "United Nations Conference for a World Convention on Adoption Law".
2. The Government of Liberia is firmly convinced that the children of the world constitute one of the basic natural resources for each and every nation of the world. They must, therefore, be nurtured and protected.
3. The Government of Liberia is further convinced that socio-economic conditions throughout the world are changing at a rapid pace and all Governments should be aware of the effects of these socio-economic conditions on population trends. Some of these are:
 - (a) Greater mobility of the entire world population;
 - (b) Changing social values with regard to the family and marriage laws.
4. The Government of Liberia has a special interest in the population problems of the world, especially the developing world, and in this connexion sees a clear link to some of its own demographic problems.
5. The Government of Liberia, therefore, supports the resolution presented to the World Conference on Adoption and Foster Placement adopted on 18 September 1971 in Milan, Italy, and avers that the sponsorship of an international conference for the purpose of establishing a World Convention on Adoption Law is not only in keeping with the spirit of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 1386 (XIV)), but also one way of implementing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV)).