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<p>CRC/C/OPSC/USA/CO/2</p> <p>Concluding Observation on the second period report of the United States of America adopted by the Committee at sixty-second session (14 January-1 February 2013)</p>	23 Dec 2002	<p>25 January 2013</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fOPSC%2fUSA%2fCO%2f2&Lang=en</p> <p>V. Prevention of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (art. 9, paras. 1 and 2)</p> <p>Measures adopted to prevent offenses prohibited under the Protocol</p> <p>26. The Committee urges the State party to take active measures to prevent the sale of children for the purpose of child labour by inter alia applying the TVPA to define modern forms of servitude related to child labour and ensure that the burden of proof is on the government and not on the exploited children who do not have the capacity nor maturity to consent to being sold for this purpose. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(c) Review policies and improve standards regarding USA industries and business that hire children both in and outside of the country in order to prevent egregious forms of child labour, including in agriculture, some manufacturing industries, child care and the service sectors;</p> <p>Adoption</p>

		<p>29. The Committee appreciates the adoption of the 2012 Inter-country Adoption Universal Accreditation Act, S. 3331 (UAA), expanding the accreditation standards in the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 to cover all intercountry adoptions. However, the Committee notes with concern that the 2012 UAA establishes a period of 180 days after entering into force for presentation of petitions for cases outside of the Convention or orphan petitions without having to comply with the 2000 Intercountry Adoption Act. Furthermore, the Committee is particularly concerned that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Ambiguous definitions and legal loopholes persist despite the new accreditation act, such as for example the fact that payments before birth and other expenses to birth mothers, including surrogate mothers, continue to be allowed, thus impeding effective elimination of the sale of children for adoption;(b) The absence of federal legislation with regard to surrogacy, which if not clearly regulated amounts to sale of children;(c) The 2000 IAA requires that the other country involved in intercountry adoption be a signatory to the Hague Convention in order for it to be applied, thus restricting the effective application of the law in all international adoption cases;(d) The requirement of a “knowing and wilful disregard of the law” as provided for in the 2000 IAA as a ground for prosecution which can result in persons or agencies, involved in illegal acts avoiding culpability and escaping legal proceedings;(e) The concurrent jurisdiction of state and federal courts which may lead to misuse of the legal system;(f) The lack of information on the measures taken to ensure that adopted children are not subjected to any form of abuse and neglect; and(g) The lack of information on the case of Anyelí Liseth Hernández Rodríguez.
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Acronyms and Abbreviations:

CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child/Committee on the Rights of the Child
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
OPAC to CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict
OPSC to CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
UN	United Nations
UPR	Universal Periodic Review