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I understand fee increases are a normal part of "business". I fully support the fee increase to allow the USCIS to continue supporting international adoptions. I would hope, however, the USCIS could take a look at two key points regarding processing the I-600A and I-171H.

First, the I-600A is only good for 18 months. Based on current processing times for most international adoptions, prospective parents will likely have to file twice. I recommend extending the length of time the I-171H is good for to 24 months. People may be able to process the adoption within that time frame.

Second, the fingerprints expire at a different time than the I-171H. Again, this all but assures prospective parents will need to apply twice, and that means to pay twice! I recommend extending the fingerprint expiration date to match the I-171H expiration (hopefully at least 24 months).

If these two points were considered, I fully support the fee increase. If not, then I will need to start saving now so I can make sure I can afford the second application, especially when the fees go up nearly 66%.

Thanks for your consideration.