

*These notes refer to the Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) (Northern Ireland) 2001 (c.11) which received Royal Assent on 2 July 2001*

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### **CONSULTATION**

6. A consultation document entitled “Adoption – A Service for Children” was published in 1996 by the Department of Health and the Welsh Office. This proposed a number of reforms of domestic adoption law together with legislation which would give effect to the 1993 Hague Convention. The consultation document was circulated to HSS Boards, Trusts, voluntary adoption agencies and others.
7. The consultation document included a draft Bill, but in the event no legislation was brought forward until the Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act 1999 which deals solely with matters relating to the 1993 Convention. As this Act is similarly required specifically to implement an international convention, further consultation was considered unnecessary.