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PART II

REQUIREMENTS, PROCEDURE, RECOGNITION AND
EFFECT OF ADOPTION IN NORTHERN IRELAND WHERE
THE UNITED KINGDOM IS THE RECEIVING STATE

Requirement to provide counselling and information

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), where an application is made in accordance with regulation 3, the adoption agency must—

- (a) provide a counselling service for the prospective adopter;
- (b) explain to him the legal implications of adoption and the procedure in relation to adopting a child under the Convention; and
- (c) provide him with written information about the matters referred to in sub-paragraph (b).

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply if the adoption agency is satisfied that the requirements set out in paragraph (1) have been carried out in respect of the prospective adopter by another adoption agency.