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U.S. Adoption Agreement Expected

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. government said it expected to finalize an agreement with Russia on Wednesday to regulate adoptions after an American woman rejected her adopted son and sent him back to Russia alone in April.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said a fifth round of talks between U.S. and Russian officials would take place Wednesday, when the two sides were expected to complete the agreement so that it can be signed "in the near future."

Russian officials began pushing for a treaty on adoptions after a U.S. woman sent her seven-year-old adopted son back to Moscow on a plane with a note describing him as mentally unbalanced and violent.

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