**In the Family Court** **No: [*Case number*]**



**sitting at [*Court name*]**

**The Family Law Act 1986, section 57**

After hearing [*name the advocates(s) who appeared*]

**DECLARATION MADE BY [*NAME OF JUDGE*] ON [*DATE*] SITTING [IN PRIVATE] [IN PUBLIC]**

**The Parties**

1. The applicant is [*applicant name*]

The respondent is [*respondent name*]

[Further respondent[s]: [*further respondents names*]]

**(specify if any party acts by a litigation friend)**

**Recitals**

1. The judge read the following witness statement[s][*insert*]and heard oral evidence from [*name(s)*].
2. The court considers that the jurisdiction requirements set out in Family Law Act 1986, section 57(3) have been satisfied.
3. The court [has] / [has not] considered it necessary to direct that the papers in the case should be sent to the Attorney-General to allow him to intervene and make representations in the proceedings pursuant to Family Law Act 1986, section 59.
4. The applicant’s status as an adopted child of [*insert full name and identifying details of the other person such as date of birth and address*] depends on whether [he] / [she] was adopted by [*insert name of the other person*] by either (a) a Convention adoption or an overseas adoption within the meaning of Adoption and Children Act 2002 or (b) an adoption recognised by the law of England and Wales and effected under the law of any country outside the British Islands.

**IT IS DECLARED THAT:**

1. The applicant [is] / [is not], for the purposes of section 39 of the Adoption Act 1976 or section 67 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, the adopted child of [*insert name of the other person*].

**Costs**

1. The costs of this application are [*specify*].

Dated [*date*]