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## COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

### Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: 2015 To: 2016

### Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that *ECPAT Philippines* reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely Yours,

Dolores Alforte  
Executive Director

### Part II. Description of Actions

Areas of Action: Join and/or propose partnership projects on corporate sustainability  
Engage companies in Global Compact-related issues

ECPAT Philippines, as a local civil society organization that works to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the Philippines recognizes the utmost importance of involving the private sector in upholding its cause. For the last 2 years, ECPAT Philippines has continually engaged the following businesses and organizations:



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**Tourism-related companies.** In its fight against the sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism (SECTT), ECPAT Philippines has conducted education sessions to tourism frontliners in major tourist destinations, raising the awareness of hotel staff, tourist drivers, tour guides and tourist police on their important role in eliminating SECTT. As frontliners, they are the ones to most likely witness potential cases of abuse, so we arm them with useful information on how to identify and handle suspicious cases that will arise in their watch.

**Encouraging Internet Service Providers.** In adherence to the Anti-Child Pornography Law, ECPAT engaged into a dialogue with top ISPs in the Philippines to deepen their understanding on the growing phenomenon of sexual exploitation of children online. We encouraged them to implement their mandate under the law and actively take part in the prevention and reporting of cases.

**Collaborating with colleges and universities.** ECPAT Philippines has had a long time partnership with two reputable college and university in the Philippines, The College of St. Benilde (CSB), and Ateneo TUGON, respectively. CSB allots four (4) scholarship slots for ECPAT-assisted children every school year, recognizing the fact that access to education is one vital key to keeping children from falling prey into the sex trade, and to having many positive opportunities in the future. Meanwhile, Ateneo TUGON, a student organization at the Ateneo de Manila University collaborates with the ECPAT Children and Youth Advocates in conducting meaningful activities that aim to empower their fellow children to be vigilant against sexual abuse and exploitation.

**Partnership with religious organizations.** *The Church of Sweden* has been ECPAT Philippines' main development partner for many years now, providing support to all our programs and projects. Likewise, *Vision HimPossible Ministries*, has helped ECPAT sustain the basic needs of girls at the temporary shelter.

**Non-Government Organizations.** Other agencies co ECPAT Philippines projects are other like-minded organizations such as UNICEF, Terre des Hommes Netherlands, DKA Austria, Philippine International Aid, SIDA, ANZA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Netherlands, The Australian

### Part III. Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Through our partnerships and collaboration with different organizations in the private sector, we were able to achieve the following:

- We have reached a total of **2,030 tourism frontliners** in major tourist destinations including Metro Manila, Bohol, Boracay Island, MIMAROPA Region and Regions III, VII and VIII.
- Provided direct assistance i.e. educational, health, legal and psychosocial assistance to **73 child survivors of CSEC and children living in CSEC affected communities.**



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- Raised the awareness and level of empowerment of the **10,341 children and families** in CSEC-affected communities through conduct of education sessions on child protection against CSEC.
- Capacitated **825 law enforcers, local government officials, and civil society organization** workers through conduct of trainings on strengthening existing practices of investigation and rescue of child victims of sexual exploitation, and managing cases of children from reporting to referral until its termination.