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Foreword by the Chairperson

Partnership Pays: this is the main message to emerge from the ECPAT International annual report. In our drive to go further and do more for children who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation, new partnerships have been created and established ones have been strengthened. For ECPAT, it is especially heartening to see that the model that united governments, inter-governmental agencies and NGOs for the world congresses continues to work well for children today.

As this report shows, 2002–2003 has been an outstanding year. ECPAT's unique experience and expertise in combating the commercial sexual exploitation of children continues to be recognised and put to good use in working partnerships in many parts of the world. For example ECPAT has:

- worked with governments in countries as diverse as Mongolia and Morocco;
- participated in the 6th East Asia and Pacific Ministerial Consultation, Bali;
- worked as part of an inter-agency group composed of UNICEF and UNESCAP to support the 'Regional Commitment and Action Plan of the East Asia and Pacific Region Against CSEC';
- actively pursued collaboration with the African Union.

ECPAT's relationships with UNICEF and UNESCAP, ILO-IPEC and the World Tourism Organisation (WTO) continue to strengthen and grow through constructive contact. A number of different inter-agency projects are turning the decisions made at the Second World Congress into concrete, region-specific action to protect children. Simple, effective tools are now in use to monitor progress on how national plans of action are being implemented. These actions may be more advanced in some regions than in others, but they illustrate what can be achieved when children are at the heart of our combined efforts.

Our links with other NGOs were reinforced in June of this year when ECPAT International, a member of the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child based in Geneva, became co-convenors of the Sub Group on the Sexual Exploitation of Children. This will bring us into ever closer contact with the many NGOs working on several aspects of the sexual exploitation and abuse of children and how to care for them. It will mean more direct links with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC). We already gather a great deal of information from our own world-wide network: this will be complemented by hearing firsthand reports from NGO activists who come to Geneva to report to the CRC on the situation of children in their country.

Highlighting partnerships with others is not to overlook the richness and variety of actions by our own members. ECPAT's strength comes from its network of 69 groups in 61 countries: this report presents many examples of the effectiveness of ECPAT's actions which continue to consolidate and expand.

We are all partners in ensuring the success of the mission we have set ourselves: to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children. As partners, we can all take some pride in what has been achieved and, at the same time, resolve to make next year an even better one for children.



Jo de Linde

Background Information

In 1990, when a group of researchers first exposed the degree to which child prostitution was increasing in many Asian countries, participants of a tourism consultation were astonished to realise the size of the problems. The consultation ended with a determination to take action. It was decided that there would be a great deal of goodwill for a well-organised campaign and an official name for the campaign was chosen: End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism (ECPAT). The campaign would have a sense of urgency and be limited to three years (1991-1993), and it would focus specifically on the 'commercial' aspect of sexual exploitation of children to be most effective.

An office opened in Bangkok in January, 1991; national offices in Sri Lanka, Philippines and Taiwan followed shortly afterwards. By the end of the first year ECPAT had expanded to include groups in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, United Kingdom and the United States.

ECPAT had given itself three years to end child prostitution in Asian tourism. Admitting that it was an ambitious goal that could not be fulfilled in such a short time period, it was agreed to continue ECPAT's work for a further three year period (1994-1996). Over these years, it became evident that the number of sexually exploited children was growing rapidly in Latin America, Eastern Europe and Africa. Plans were laid to move beyond the Asian region and monitor the commercial sexual exploitation of children around the world. In 1996, ECPAT in partnership with UNICEF and the NGO Group for the Rights of the Child, co-organised a World Congress against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, hosted by the Government of Sweden.

By the time the second phase of the campaign came to an end in 1996, there were ECPAT offices established in 27 countries, and informal networks in several more countries were in regular contact with ECPAT. It was agreed that ECPAT would continue for another 5 years; however there were to be some significant changes.

ECPAT ceased to be a campaign and became a non-governmental organisation (NGO). The emphasis on Asia alone and tourism alone was broadened; ECPAT would now work for the protection of children in every part of the world and include the whole range of issues revolving around the commercial sexual exploitation of children. The acronym ECPAT was retained as the overall name of the organisation, but it was to be defined in a different way. ECPAT now stands for End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes.

The strength of the ECPAT movement is based on its activities at local, national and international levels. The ECPAT network as a whole is composed of national and affiliate groups, who gather every 3 years and form the International Assembly; the Executive Board, elected by the Assembly; and the International Secretariat in Bangkok. The combination of the work of all ECPAT actors gives the movement an increasing status and authority in international circles.

ECPAT held its first International Assembly in 1999. It offered a venue for all members of the ECPAT network to gather in one place, at one time. Many people from the ECPAT network met each other here for the first time. The following year, young people from around the world gathered in Manila for an International Conference on Young People's Participation. This was a culmination of a larger ECPAT project to raise awareness among young people, and to promote their active involvement in ending the sexual exploitation of children. An ECPAT youth network took shape at this Conference. In 2001, the Government of Japan hosted a Second World Congress, echoing the successful partnership of the first Congress. ECPAT, UNICEF and the NGO Group were the co-organisers of the event. In May 2002, these partners once again joined forces to organise a side-event to highlight follow-up to the Second World Congress at the UN General Assembly Special Session on Children.

Nowadays, the ECPAT movement is indeed one of the main players in the ongoing fight against commercial sexual exploitation of children.

ECPAT International Board

ECPAT INTERNATIONAL BOARD

Article 3 of the ECPAT International Constitution addresses all matters related to the power, functions and duties of the Board, as well as nomination and voting procedures. The Board consists of a Chairperson and nine other persons: eight regional members and one youth representative (between 16 and 25 years of age) to be elected by the International Assembly. The Chairperson and the Board members hold office for a three year period or until the next scheduled International Assembly, whichever is earlier.

As laid out in the Constitution, every National Group of the ECPAT network has the right to two votes and every Affiliate Group of the ECPAT network has the right to one vote. The members of the International Board for this reporting period were elected by voting delegates at the Second International Assembly, held in Bangkok, 2002. As of June 30, 2003, the seat for a regional representative from the Middle East remained vacant.

ECPAT International Board Members as of 30 June, 2003:

Jo de Linde
Chairperson of the ECPAT International Board

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Member-at-large (Representative for East Asia)



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ECPAT International Secretariat



Message from the Executive Director

ECPAT's work during the 2002-2003 financial year has focused on supporting the implementation of commitments made at the Second World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation held in Yokohama, Japan in 2001 and more broadly those made by governments that have adopted the Agenda for Action. The activities undertaken by ECPAT during this period have thus been closely aligned to contribute directly to the priority agendas identified for combating CSEC in each region and to further development and execution of National Plans to combat CSEC.

In Southern Africa, the focus of ECPAT's work was on capacity-building of youth in Malawi, Mozambique and South Africa in areas of peer counseling and advocacy to provide youth a firm basis for work against CSEC. In the Arab-African region, the paucity of information on the nature and extent of commercial sexual exploitation of children and the lack of participation of children themselves were signaled as major impediments to counter-action. ECPAT's work with local NGOs in this region therefore supported situational analysis studies, focusing on the sub-region of North Africa and the countries of Morocco, Tunisia, Chad, Mauritania and Egypt.

A key aim of this research work has been to build knowledge on the specific manifestations of CSEC in the countries studied so as to inform subsequent planning and action at the national and regional level. The activities, which were undertaken in collaboration with local child rights organizations in each country, were structured in such a way that, through the work itself, groups acquired and strengthened research skills specific to the study of CSEC, solidifying their base for ongoing study and analysis of the situation in their country. Empowerment of local groups to document, analyze and generate knowledge, information and recommendations for combating CSEC, is a fundamental goal guiding all of ECPAT's research activities. It responds to mounting evidence, which shows that the commercial sexual exploitation of children is a rapidly changing and highly adaptive phenomenon that requires continuous monitoring and study by those most closely involved in working to combat it. Building such capacity is an essential part of ECPAT's work.

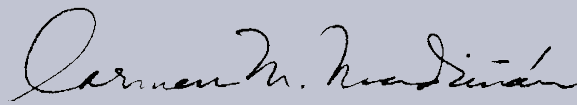
In the East Asia and Pacific Region, ECPAT formed part of an inter-agency task force with UNESCAP and UNICEF to develop CSEC monitoring indicators and to design a database for information collection, thus supporting priority actions identified by governments of this region. The year-long project resulted in the creation of a database called CSEC Info, which was presented for review, adoption and use by governments of the region at a technical regional forum held in Thailand.

In Latin America, ECPAT worked with local organizations on a multi-country legislative reform project, which focused on review and analysis of the national legal code in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Honduras to identify gaps and recommend amendments to the legal code for improved protection of children against commercial sexual exploitation. In addition, consultations were held with child rights groups in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia to prepare collaborative work in support of priority agendas identified at the regional preparatory consultation prior to Yokohama. These consultations aim to establish collaborations to support the development of National Plans of Action against CSEC and to initiate discussions and planning for research that will be undertaken to study and address the demand side of commercial sexual exploitation of children.

In Europe, linkages were established with child rights organizations in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) to advance civil society action to counter commercial sexual exploitation of children in these countries. The commitment of a Russian speaking staff member to support situational analysis research in Moldova, Ukraine and Russia as well as for the development of the database on countries of the region, has prepared a base for further work in the coming year. It responds directly to a call for integrating CIS countries into the global effort to combat CSEC. In addition, capacity-building initiatives continued among caregivers from social service institutions and NGOs in the region.

Finally, work to enhance the organizational structures and systems that support the ECPAT global network continued with new contributions made to the country database, augmentation and updates to publications and information materials, the translation of materials to more languages and the addition of an internship program at the Secretariat.

The initiatives undertaken by ECPAT aim to guarantee the rights of children to live free of commercial sexual exploitation. Such initiatives have been made possible through the support and collaboration of organizations and individuals that shared our vision and subscribed to our work over the course of this year: we therefore would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of them.



Carmen Madriñan
Executive Director

Networking, Implementing and Monitoring the Agenda for Action

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ECPAT maintained its focus on building up an increasingly strong global network to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children, encouraging and supporting governments in developing National Plans of Action and monitoring the implementation of the Stockholm Declaration and Agenda for Action. Information on CSEC issues was further consolidated while research, advocacy and network-building expanded into new regions, where despite the limited documented data preliminary evidence points to the fact that commercial sexual exploitation of children is an existing or looming problem.

Africa

A mission was undertaken to Malawi, Mozambique and South Africa to evaluate progress in relation to the recommendations made at the Southern African Regional Consultation held in March 2002. Meetings were held with key actors in each country and priority areas for action were defined in greater detail. In Malawi, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Police Headquarters, expressed their willingness to work with ECPAT on police training to handle cases involving child victims of trafficking and CSEC. In Mozambique, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Children and Women's Affairs requested ECPAT's assistance in the development of a National Plan of Action. Furthermore, the Ministry of the Interior suggested that ECPAT map areas of cooperation, concerning training of personnel on services for child victims of trafficking and prostitution, research on CSEC and the development of an NPA. In South Africa, the International Labour Organization (ILO) has also expressed an interest in collaborating on the further implementation of the NPA and linking in with ECPAT's expanding network in the region.

The Regional Officer also visited Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and Djibouti to identify priority needs of local

organisations. It was observed that ECPAT can provide much needed capacity building in various areas, and discussions with several government ministries and NGOs involved in child protection issues are ongoing to plan technical assistance as appropriate. In addition, support was provided to ECPAT Uganda towards the development of the country's draft National Plan of Action. In Ethiopia, the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs was provided with information and materials on NPA development. In Djibouti, CARITAS was provided technical support on coalition building and the implementation of the Agenda for Action.

Potential collaboration between ECPAT and the African Union is also being investigated, following discussions at a union ministerial meeting in Mauritius, which provided an opportunity to liaise with representatives of governments and other agencies from elsewhere in Africa (including Sierra Leone, Cameroon and Zambia) on implementation of the Agenda for Action, which these countries have adopted.

Asia and the Pacific

ECPAT played a leading role in organising NGO input at the Sixth East Asia and Pacific Ministerial Consultation, organised by UNICEF-EAPRO and held in Bali in May 2003 (along with Plan International, Save the Children Alliance, Child Workers in Asia, CCF Foundation in Thailand). Most significantly, it helped to ensure that commercial sexual exploitation of children was highlighted as a priority issue in the outcome document.

CSEC is now on the agenda in Mongolia after ECPAT worked with a national forum in Ulaanbaatar in June 2003 to assess the local situation and identify areas for follow-up action. The Government has committed itself to establishing a working group for the development of an NPA, with ECPAT providing technical support.

Work also moved ahead in Laos and Vietnam on implementing their commitments to the Agenda for

Action. In Laos, ECPAT ran a workshop with UNICEF on developing an NPA, in the first such get-together of various government agencies and NGOs to discuss commercial sexual exploitation of children. Meanwhile, ECPAT's Frequently Asked Questions booklet was translated and published in Vietnamese.

In Thailand, the findings of an ECPAT survey on Internet usage by children were shared and information was provided to the National Electronics and Computer Technology Centre on inappropriate content in the mass media, as Thailand's Government intends to run an awareness-raising campaign on the issue.

In Hong Kong, the Regional Officer attended the Sharing Forum on Internet Safety and Child Pornography, in order to launch the *Protecting Children Online* handbook and lobby the government for relevant law reform in collaboration with NGO partners in the country.

In Indonesia, the formation of an ECPAT group is close to being formalised, following a national consultation held in September 2002 to discuss establishing a national network to fight the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Preparations were made for a sharper focus on the Pacific Islands in the year ahead, as ECPAT has worked with ESCAP and UNICEF to organise a regional workshop in September 2003 on combating poverty and sexual exploitation of children. The workshop will provide training on NPA development and push for wider adoption of the Agenda for Action by Pacific island countries.

Preparations for research on boy victims of prostitution in Pakistan, India and Bangladesh were also initiated.

Americas

Much of the work in this region during the year was concentrated on providing technical support for the Strengthening Protection of Children from CSEC Project, particularly with regards to review and input on both country and research reports, materials development and strategies to ensure leveraging with other donor projects in the region, so as to maximize impact.

Network development in the Andes region was initiated, with a particular focus on establishing collaborations for situational analyses of the "demand side" of the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Research on demand was identified as a priority during the Regional Consultation in 2001 and at Yokohama. Contacts were strengthened with groups working against CSEC in the region, particularly in Peru and Ecuador, and data gathering continues, as this region will be a major focus of the coming year.

Meanwhile, a network assessment exercise was carried out with ECPAT groups in Costa Rica and Nicaragua, with a view to strengthening coordination between them and the Secretariat, as well as building up the Nicaraguan coalition's anti-CSEC efforts. Both Nicaragua and Paraguay received advice regarding their draft National Plans of Action.

Ahead of a conference on internet pornography held in Brazil, assistance was provided to the national group to research relevant legislation in several countries.

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

Significant changes were implemented during the year in order to expand network development and much needed research work across the former Soviet states, and Central Asia in particular. A consultant on the Commonwealth of Independent States was recruited to assist in strengthening channels of communication across the region and to build up a firmer knowledge base upon which to plan future actions. The restructure is expected to significantly enhance networking and monitoring of the Agenda for Action, since many international organisations with which ECPAT liaises have a common working structure for Europe and the CIS, while much of the available data sources are integrated to encompass both regions.

A mission was undertaken to Russia, Belarus and Ukraine to establish contacts and advance networking possibilities. Research was conducted in Russia, Moldova and Ukraine where, despite the limits on documented data, it is known that all forms of CSEC are a serious issue.

Furthermore, a mission took place to visit Portugal and Slovenia to assess their situations regarding CSEC manifestations as well as possibilities for networking.

Other work focused on establishing mechanisms to prevent trafficking in human beings, and the consequent commercial sexual exploitation of children, as well as more potential collaboration with United Nations bodies working on these issues. ECPAT groups in Europe worked together on cross-border trafficking and network building among local organisations working directly with minors at risk of sexual exploitation.

Finally, the Council of Europe's Group of Specialists on the protection of children against sexual exploitation sought ECPAT's input for plans for implementing the Agenda for Action. ECPAT made a presentation to a meeting of the Group.

Middle East and North Africa

Considerable work was done during the year to investigate the commercial sexual exploitation of children in North Africa ahead of ECPAT's first North African Regional Consultation, which was held in Rabat, Morocco, in June 2003. Situation analysis studies on CSEC were conducted in Morocco, Mauritania, Chad, Egypt and Tunisia, and presented at the Consultation. The Consultation gathered governments representatives and delegates from IOs and NGOs of the five countries and represented a unique opportunity to raise governments' awareness and support on the issue. Participants identified major priority areas where they intend to concentrate their efforts: harmonisation of national legislation with international conventions on the protection of children, training of caregivers and law enforcement personnel, an action-research on CSEC and the development of National Plans of Action. ECPAT is currently in dialogue with relevant governmental and non-governmental institutions in Mauritania and Tunisia to plan appropriate initiatives to address the above. Following the Consultation, ECPAT International and the Ministry of Human Rights of Morocco have been developing a joint proposal on legal reform and training of law enforcement personnel, to be submitted to the Ministry of Development in Belgium, who has shown great interest in supporting work of this scope in Morocco.

ECPAT's new affiliate, ANAIF-PIE in Mauritania, played an important role in preparing for the Regional Consultation. ANAIF-PIE and Dar el Amal in Lebanon are the first ECPAT member organisations in the MENA region, which represents a significant step forward in initiating work in a region where very little on commercial sexual exploitation of children has been undertaken so far.

Other follow-up work on the Agenda for Action involved discussions about close cooperation with UNICEF's regional MENA office in Jordan. ECPAT prepared a proposal for joint work, to include a research and consultation process in other countries of North Africa and the Middle East, with the aim of furthering the goals identified in the Arab-African Forum of 2001. The outcomes are to be presented at the Arab-African regional forum in Morocco in 2004.

Database to Monitor the Agenda for Action in Each Country

The website database was expanded and updated continuously throughout the year. Data was completed or updated for 48 countries in sub-Saharan and North Africa, 24 in the Americas, 51 in Asia and the Pacific, and 27 in Europe.

Development of Indicators

In a pioneer initiative to monitor the implementation of the Agenda for Action, a set of indicators was developed for monitoring the Yokohama Asia Pacific Regional Commitment to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Under this joint project of the Inter-Agency Group comprising ECPAT, UNICEF and UNESCAP, a set of preliminary indicators was shared with Ministers of governments from the region in March 2003. ECPAT also liaised with the NGO Working Group to ensure participation of their regional network, and input was sought at country level from relevant government agencies and NGOs to refine and test the feasibility of the selected indicators. The project will now involve the creation of a comprehensive database, to be known as CSEC Info, which will be linked into UNICEF's ChildInfo system and other compatible databases, broadening its applicability.

Affiliation

The following groups gained approval for affiliation in the reporting period: Child Protection Alliance (Gambia), ECPAT Chile, Dar el Amal (Lebanon), ANAIF-PIE (Mauritania), ECPAT Cambodia, the Foundation to End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and the Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes (Thailand) and the

Association for Community Development (Bangladesh). ECPAT Guatemala is now a National Group.

Efforts are under way by local NGOs to re-establish the CSEC network in El Salvador, while ACPI in Spain withdrew from the Network, choosing to work outside the ECPAT national group in the country.

Information and Educational Resources

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Children (2001-2002) drew strong media interest from around the world. The English, French and Spanish versions were made available on the website and distributed by mail to the ECPAT network, concerned agencies and partners worldwide.

Website

The number of visitors to the ECPAT website increased exponentially over the year, peaking at almost 45,000 in May 2003 after the average rose from 30,000 visitors a month in the first half to 40,000 in the second half. The increase might be attributed to the interest generated by the 2001-02 Agenda for Action Report. Even more visitors might be expected after the site is restructured to make it more reader-friendly.

Four newsletters were produced, with 3500 copies of each printed and distributed throughout the network. The July 2002 issue dealt with child participation and rights; the October 2002 issue looked at child sex tourism; in January 2003 the focus was on rethinking the trafficking paradigm; and in April 2003 we looked at youth, children and media. Electronic versions in English, French and Spanish were put online.

The online database was updated significantly, most notably with regard to the country profiles (and especially in the sections on legislation, youth participation and preventing child pornography) but also through the addition of many documents and new links to other sites of interest. The new resources include: the codes of conduct of tourism and travel trade organisations; the new edition of *Protecting Children Online* (in English and Thai), with a link to the Japanese version; and French and Spanish versions of the *Successful Examples Series*. The news clippings section was updated daily in three languages.

The French version of *Questions and Answers about CSEC* was updated and reprinted. A short history tracing the development of the ECPAT Movement was published under the title *ECPAT: A Network for Children*. It updates an earlier publication: *The ECPAT Story*. Much time and effort was given in editing and finalising the *Report on the Second ECPAT International Assembly*, and considerable support was also provided to the several consultation held throughout the year.

Other publications work included producing and distributing the second edition of *Protecting Children Online*, including a version in Thai, mainly through schools and provincial departments of education. As well, *Questions and Answers about CSEC* was translated into Thai and prepared for publication.

Publications and Newsletters

The Report on the Implementation of the Agenda for Action Against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of

Information Technology and Resource Centre Project

A new project was initiated to support ECPAT groups in building up local resource centres and improving their information and communications systems. The primary goal is to improve collaboration between the groups and decentralise information management and knowledge sharing across the network. This is expected to lead to a more responsive, wide-reaching and ultimately stronger information and communications system through which ECPAT can further its global advocacy. The project's first phase involved collecting data on all groups in Africa and Asia so as to assess their IT infrastructure and resource

centre development capacity or potential. The project should be implemented fully in the 2003-04 year.

Resource Centre

About 250 new acquisitions and reports were catalogued and filed in the Bangkok Resource Centre, including many electronic documents, and the bibliographic details were circulated to the network. New acquisitions were added to the website's resources section. The Resource Centre continues to assist visitors and respond to numerous information inquiries.

Capacity Building for Action: Strengthening Services for Child Victims of CSEC

Strengthening Services for the Recovery of Victims of CSEC

*Funders: Catholic Organization for Relief and Development (CORDAID), Global Fund for Children, Groupe Developpement, General Fund Donors**

ECPAT's training strategy was refined to support an expanded range of activities for caregivers working with child victims of commercial sexual exploitation. A key element of this has been to improve the resources available to caregivers, and to make sure these resources are accessible. Caregivers around the world have continuously expressed their need to learn about the experiences of others working in the field of commercial sexual exploitation, and to access practical information on good practice from a variety of perspectives.

In this light, ECPAT began developing new resources to support training programmes, including three booklets on good practice in the rehabilitation of child victims. The booklets focus on street work and outreach, educational and vocational work, and residential programmes. The street outreach booklet is ready for focus group testing and analysis while the other booklets are in process. Already, there is huge advance demand for the booklets. In the meantime, ECPAT's current training materials for caregivers have been made available in a range of formats, including an interactive CD-ROM package.

Other capacity-building work included training programmes conducted at regional consultations in Indonesia and Morocco, as well as at a Yokohama follow-up conference in Taiwan and a workshop in Mali. The week-long workshop for caregivers in Bamako, Mali, was especially interesting because great care was required to raise, for the first time in such a public forum, the issue of children being commercially sexually exploited. The workshop proved very successful and participants later said they had received important messages on the urgency of the situation and the critical roles they could play.

The Training Coordinator was also responsible for supervising the 'Youth Partnership Project for Victims of Trafficking for Sexual Purposes' in Southern Africa (please see details under the Youth Participation section).

Furthermore, contacts were established with a number of leading agencies working on caregiving for vulnerable and sexually exploited children in Bangkok, with a view to increase collaboration and gradually play a greater role in current initiatives in the South East Asia region. Following a request by the ECPAT Foundation, the Training Coordinator visited a shelter for street children victims of sexual exploitation in Northern Thailand and provided recommendations for enhanced rehabilitation of the child victims.

Youth Participation

*Funders: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, Trocaire, General Fund Donors**

The ECPAT International Child and Youth Advisory Committee (EICYAC) was initiated at the Second International Assembly with the aim of furthering child and youth participation within the network. Six members were elected to EICYAC through the year. A youth representative from the committee was also elected to ECPAT's board, making ECPAT one of the few international organisations to incorporate youth representation into its governing body.

The Southern Africa Youth Partnership Project

The Southern Africa Youth Partnership Project for Victims of Trafficking for Sexual Purposes was established to strengthen young people's skills in peer counselling, lobbying and advocacy. The partnership, coordinated by

Eye of the Child in Malawi, in cooperation with Sithabile Child and Youth Centre in South Africa and Rede da Crianca in Mozambique, also provided training for legislative and law enforcement authorities.

The first year's pilot phase saw young participants grappling with the extent and mechanisms of trafficking in children for sexual purposes. They also vowed to continue working to change the perception that children are responsible for their own exploitation, instead of being protected as victims of a crime. As a result, they were eager to respond to the needs of potential and former victims, and themselves designed the second phase of the programme, where they will be able to apply the new skills learned through setting up peer support schemes and running awareness raising and lobbying for policy change campaigns. Fundraising for phase two was initiated, as well as for a similar initiative planned in South Asia.

Preventing Child Sex Tourism

*Funders: Groupe Developpement, General Fund Donors**

One of the largest hotel chains in the world, Accor Hotels, adopted the Code of Conduct for the tourism industry, forming the basis for a strong partnership with ECPAT. The partnership's pilot phase in Thailand proved very successful as ECPAT provided support for Accor's campaign against child sex tourism in Asia. The campaign is now expected to incorporate Accor establishments elsewhere on the continent, particularly Indonesia and Cambodia. The drive against child sex tourism was given further impetus as Accor was awarded the PATA Gold Award for Education for its work on protecting children from sexual exploitation and related training activities - an incentive to the private sector to enhance its role in social actions.

ECPAT's relationship with the World Tourism Organisation continued to focus on encouraging industry participants to commit to the Code of Conduct, while various meetings and workshops in Europe and Asia promoted the Code and looked at coordinating anti-CST programmes between countries that send tourists and those that receive them.

A CD-Rom with over 200 materials from diverse sources on fighting child sex tourism was produced. It was so well received by the tourism industry in general that the WTO undertook to produce 5000 copies for global distribution. The information in the CD-Rom promotes tactics for fighting the commercial sexual exploitation of children within the tourism industry, and is intended to provide local groups with guidance on setting up

anti-CST campaigns. The CD-Rom will be updated continuously with new materials, and is available online at www.fight-cst.com.

In addition, *Lessons Learned Combating Child Sex Tourism* were translated into French and Spanish and distributed to the network and stakeholders.

Work also began on situational analysis studies on child sex tourism in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The researchers attended a three-day methodology workshop in Bangkok, with SANLAAP, Equations, Child Workers in Nepal Concerned Centre (CWIN) and South Asian Partnership International all participating. The research findings will form the basis of proposals for action against CST in South Asia.

Legal Reform and Law Enforcement Initiatives

*Funders: General Fund Donors**

Plans for a more structured Legal Reform Programme were finalised and a proposal was developed in partnership with Plan International. It aims to provide sustained and comprehensive support to groups in bringing about legal reforms and more effective law enforcement to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children, as well as to promote increased protection for child victims within the legal system. The intention is to build upon work where ECPAT is already active. Focusing initially on the Asia region, (India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Indonesia), the programme's main sub-components are: monitoring of legislative changes and actions to increase the protection of children against commercial sexual exploitation; research/study to increase the knowledge base regarding actions against CSEC; building capacity of partners, national ECPAT groups and other key stakeholders to increase their ability to take action for protecting children; and advocacy to promote, support

and encourage improved laws and enforcement to protect children from CSEC.

Support and advice on good legal practices, legal reform and law enforcement issues were provided at consultations in Indonesia, Morocco and Mongolia, while a report was submitted to the Special Rapporteur based on ECPAT's monitoring reports.

ECPAT's legal input and back-up was sought on initiatives in Hong Kong and Seoul, South Korea, to prevent child pornography and to ensure a safe Internet environment for children. In view of Hong Kong's proposed Child Pornography Bill, a presentation was made there on legislation against child pornography on the Internet, while ECPAT participated in a conference in Seoul on cybercrime and information security. The conference drew up a draft regional action plan, which includes actions against child pornography and sexual abuse of children online, to be disseminated at the ministerial level.

Preventing CSEC on the Internet

*Funders: UNICEF Thailand, British Embassy, General Fund Donors**

The survey and report on Internet usage by children, teachers and parents in Thailand were completed,

with the initial findings receiving significant media coverage after being announced in October. Since then, *A Survey Report: Our Children at Risk Online, The Example of Thailand* was prepared, incorporating the Thai and English versions in one volume. The study

looks in particular at 'virtual' friendships and the use of chatrooms, as well as the risks of encounters with predatory strangers and pornographic material.

Phase II of the project, supported by UNICEF Thailand, was initiated and entails the development of a training module for teachers to instruct children on safe Internet practices. The package will include model policies aimed at getting schools in Thailand to implement their own policies on safe surfing: around 50 schools in the

country will be trained to use the module and adopt safety policies.

Meanwhile, young Thais actively participated in translating and adapting the *E-Baby* CD-ROM into a Thai format. The young people, who included activists, NGO representatives and children's media specialists, felt *E-Baby* was most suitable for primary school children. As such, the CD-ROM was adapted to suit this age group.

Strengthening Protection of Children from CSE in Central America

*Funders: European Union, Ireland Aid, General Fund Donors**

The three-year project Strengthening the Protection of Children in Central America from Commercial Sexual Exploitation completed its first year with the initiation of national-based campaigning for legal reforms and more effective law enforcement in the region. The project is being implemented through partnerships with Fundacion Paniamor (Costa Rica), Asociacion TESIS (Nicaragua), ECPAT Guatemala (Guatemala), Save the Children UK (Honduras) and Fundacion Olof Palme (El Salvador).

The project aims to improve the region's legal environment for children, especially in relation to trafficking and sexual exploitation. It follows on from research to assess the extent of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children in the region, as well as to formulate recommendations for action to be undertaken by ECPAT groups in the region. Studies undertaken by project partners at the initial stage of the current project identified gaps in legislation and law enforcement, and a lack of sensitivity on the part of police and judicial personnel towards child victims. The studies involved reviewing legislation, legal procedures, law reform proposals and applicable international law within the project countries. This included discussions and interviews with key actors in child protection, such as police, human rights prosecutors, higher court judges and officials, immigration officials and child survivors of

commercial sexual exploitation, with a view to verifying or complementing the information already gathered.

In Costa Rica, where national legislation more closely complies with the country's international commitments, law enforcement was found to be the key concern. As a result, the project partner is working to create an operational law-enforcement network to ensure better coordinated action in the investigation and prosecution of CSEC cases. ECPAT's Costa Rican partner is also designing a database that will help track the follow-up care offered to child victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

In the other countries, gaps in national legislation were identified as requiring action. The proposals for legislative reform were drawn up throughout the year, forming the basis for a series of seminars in June 2003 to disseminate the findings and begin campaigning. New information materials have been produced to support the campaign. In addition, lobbying activities and capacity building and training will be undertaken with police, border and judicial officials utilising training materials developed as part of the project. Emphasis will be placed on the need to compile information on offenders and victims, which will allow the different law enforcement bodies in these countries to exchange information efficiently, thus increasing coordination and cooperation in combating the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Second International General Assembly

*Funders: AusAID, Christian Aid, Groupe Developpement/ European Union, SEAFILD, General Fund Donors**

ECPAT's Second International General Assembly was held in Bangkok, Thailand, in September 2002. The Assembly, which is held every three years, brought together 137 representatives of ECPAT member organisations from 64 countries, along with 78 delegates from the United Nations, academia, the private sector, and government and non-government organisations.

The Assembly elected a new Board of Directors and reviewed the network's governance structures and strategic planning cycle, affirming key directions to be taken by the ECPAT Movement to combat commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Member organisations shared plans, knowledge and experience, and strengthened links with their counterparts around the world in order to enhance the sharing of information, expertise and technical inputs aimed at building their ability to influence national and regional agendas on the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

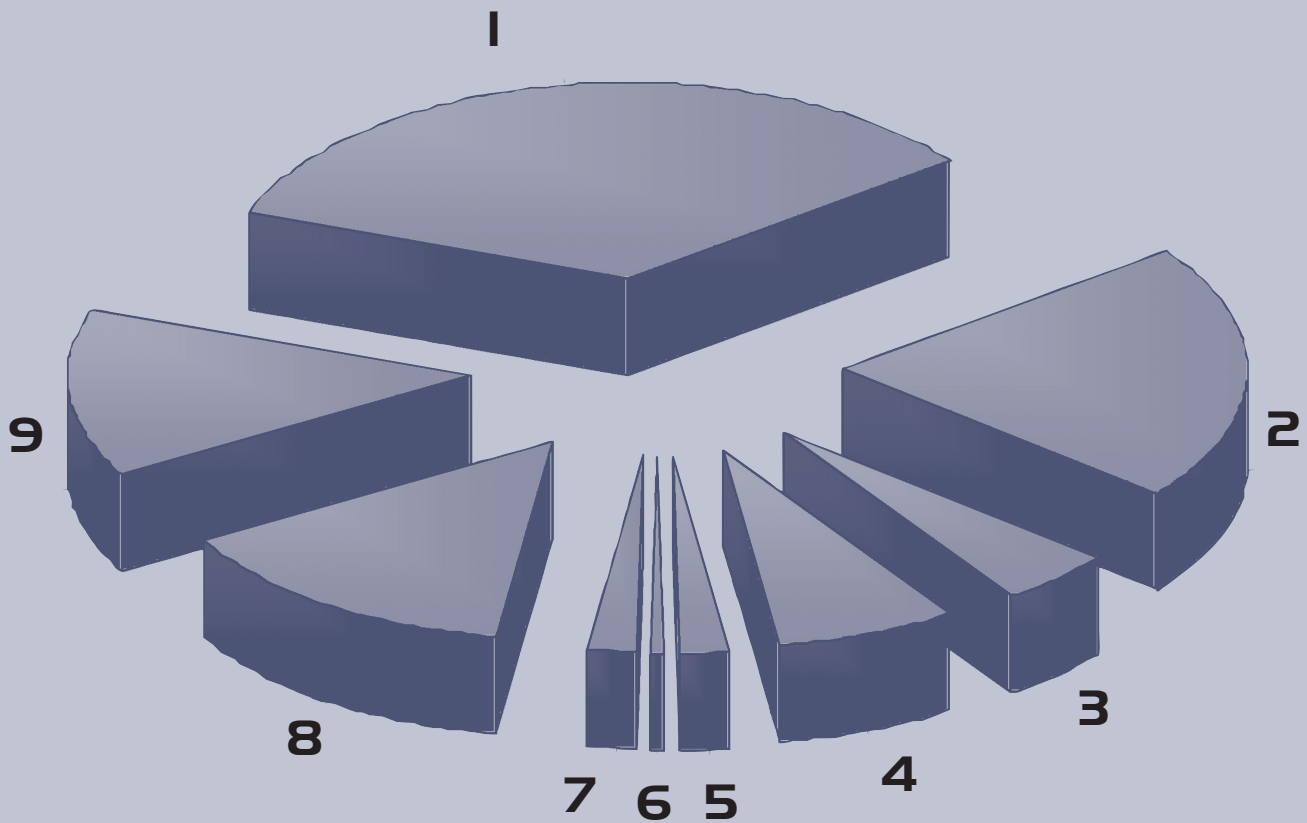
Working groups were also formed to share information on the use of national and international instruments

and standards of child protection, tools and techniques for collaboration with law enforcement, strategies for working with the tourism sector to combat child sex tourism, strategies for working with the media, measures to combat child pornography on the Internet, fostering youth participation and improving caregiving of child victims.

Some of the important outcomes of the Assembly included: articulated plans for collaboration on regional and global activities related to eliminating CSEC; regional plans for further development and implementation of national plans and implementation of regional Yokohama commitments; improved awareness and knowledge on issues related to new manifestations of commercial sexual exploitation of children worldwide, especially via the Internet; increased technical knowledge of international legal monitoring instruments; and a new governing Board for ECPAT International that, includes a youth representative.

Amendments proposed for the governance of ECPAT International passed as Resolution 19. The resolution sought the development of an integrated plan of representations, roles, relationships and responsibilities.

ECPAT International Project Expenditures 2002/2003



1. Networking, Implementing and Monitoring of the Agenda for Action 34%
2. Information and Educational Resources 21%
3. Capacity Building for Action: Strengthening Services for Child Victims of CSEC 5%
4. Youth Participation 7%
5. Preventing Child Sex Tourism 2%
6. Legal Reform and Law Enforcement Initiatives 1%
7. Preventing CSEC on the Internet 2%
8. Strengthening Protection of Children From CSE in Central America 14%
9. Second International General Assembly 14%

Administration and Support

Total expenditures: USD 160,647 (allocated administrative costs)

The Secretariat's management team was restructured to consolidate recently introduced administrative and financial systems and after an assessment of fundraising needs. Two deputies, one for Fundraising and Communications, the other for Administration and Personnel, were appointed. The new structure is intended to provide a strong foundation to support ECPAT's programmes and the achievement of its strategic plans up to 2005.

A consultant's work with the new Board of Directors to define short and long-term agendas resulted in the establishment of a working group to review the board's role, responsibilities, representation and relationships. At the same time, an analysis was done of ECPAT's legal framework and a Fundraising Committee was formed.

Fundraising efforts brought a total of USD 1,352,560. A major funding proposal was submitted to the European Commission, in collaboration with Groupe Developpement. Since the multi-year grant from the European Union was due to finish in June 2003, the proposal sought to secure EU funding for the coming period.

The annual staff retreat in May focused on reviewing current initiatives and strategising on the work to be undertaken in the year ahead. The staff's work plans were presented for review and support, while their views on organisational capacity were surveyed and analysed. A new benefits package, which includes provisions for establishing a providential fund, was warmly received.

The ECPAT Foundation in Northern Thailand received administrative assistance as well as support for planning an annual programme of activities to build on its strengths.

Nine new staff joined the Secretariat during the year and eight interns benefited from the expanded internship programme.

Finally, the Executive Director attended a meeting of the Sub-Group on Sexual Exploitation of the NGO Working Group on the CRC, where ECPAT will serve as co-convenor along with the Bureau International Catholique de l'Enfance (BICE). This represents a significant opportunity for ECPAT because it offers added chances to integrate CSEC issues with other child rights initiatives encompassed under the umbrella of the NGO group. As the sub-group convener, ECPAT will be represented on the Coordinating Committee governing the working group.

Furthermore, a memorandum of agreement (MOU) was developed and signed between ECPAT and the NGO Group Focal Point management team, outlining specific areas of complementarity where collaboration and mutual support of both networks will be strengthened.

The Executive Director also met the Special Rapporteur (of the UN Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography) to discuss further collaboration. ECPAT suggested the introduction of training on reporting mechanisms available under the Special Rapporteur office to community-based groups and offered to help streamline reporting. This initiative will be piloted through the legal reform and law enforcement project planned in South Asia in 2003-2004.

* General Fund Donors : ECPAT would like to acknowledge the generous support of the following agencies towards the General Fund: Oak Foundation, SIDA, Stichting Kinderpostzegels Nederland (SKN), Groupe Developpement, Christian Aid, European Union and Fund for Nonviolence

Programme and Administrative Costs

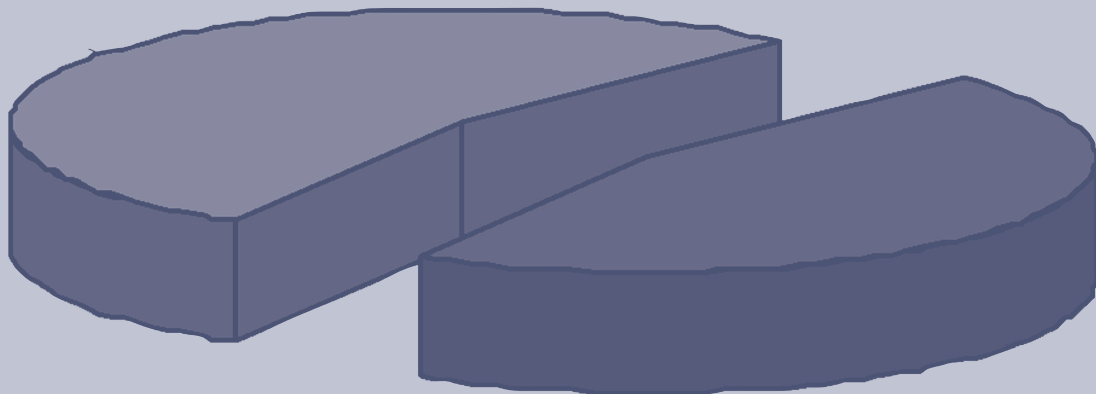
Administrative Cost 20%



Programme Costs 80%

Staff Costs and Other Costs

Other Costs 54%



Staff Cost and staff related expensed 46%

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Office Clerk
Systems Administrator

Andrew Lawrence
Manida Naebklang
Wannachan Chaimontree
Deborah Muir

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Information Assistant
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Sendrine Fabie
Chitraporn Vanaspongse

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Tourism Coordinator
Project Coordinator - Protecting Children Online

Igor Vorontsov
Mattias Bryneson
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Legal Consultant
Consultant

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Audited Financial Report

Report of the Independent Certified Public Accountants

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ECPAT INTERNATIONAL

We have audited the balance sheets of ECPAT International as at June 30, 2003 and 2002 and the related statements of receipts and disbursements and statements of funds, receipts and disbursements for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management as to their correctness and completeness of the presentation. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audits. We did not audit the statement of assets and liabilities as at May 31, 2003 and the related statement of income and expenses for the year then ended which were incurred in Central America of the project namely "Strengthening Protection of Children from Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Central America" which are combined with the financial statements of ECPAT International for the year ended June 30, 2003. The financial statements of such project present total assets of USD 43,353 or 3.88% of the total amount of assets as at June 30, 2003 and income (funds transfer from ECPAT International) of USD 120,000 or 8.87% of total donation income. Such financial statements were audited by other auditor whose report has been furnished to us and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the organization for 2003, is based solely on the report of such other auditors.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits and the report of other auditor provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, the cash receipts basis and the method for treating the purchase of fixed assets as disbursements to match against current year receipts of funds are the accounting bases on which these statements were prepared. Such bases are comprehensive bases of accounting other than the generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion based on our audit and the report of other auditor, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ECPAT International as at June 30, 2003 and 2002, the results of its operation and the funds, receipts and expenditures for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and the basis as described in Note 2.



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DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU JAIYOS

BANGKOK
August 7, 2003

ECPAT INTERNATIONAL BALANCE SHEETS

AS AT JUNE 30,

	Notes	2003	USD 2002
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Banks		977,547	433,923
Pre-payments		3,227	2,550
Deposits		5,408	4,777
Other current assets			
Donations Receivable	3	129,853	20,000
Total Current Assets		<u>1,116,035</u>	<u>461,250</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,116,035</u>	<u>461,250</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUNDS BALANCES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable		113,968	30,106
Accrued expenses	4	44,992	8,485
Total Current Liabilities		158,960	38,591
FUNDS BALANCES			
Specific fund	13	487,667	315,155
General fund	13	<u>469,408</u>	<u>107,504</u>
Total Funds Balances		<u>957,075</u>	<u>422,659</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS BALANCES		<u>1,116,035</u>	<u>461,250</u>

Notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these statements

ECPAT INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDING JUNE 30,

	Notes	2003	USD 2002
RECEIPTS			
Specific donation income	5.1, 5.2	824,855	821,282
General donation income	5.1, 5.2	527,705	147,449
		1,352,560	968,731
Disbursements			
Networking, Implementing and Monitoring of the Agenda for Action	11.1	278,323	280,528
Information and Educational Resources	2, 11.2	172,944	221,639
Capacity Building			
- Strengthening Services for the Recovery of Victims of CSEC	11.3.1	37,693	39,774
- Eastern Europe Capacity Building	11.3.2	1,500	50,590
Youth Participation	11.4	59,265	23,452
Preventing Child Sex Tourism	11.5	16,198	10,746
Legal Reform and Law Enforcement Initiatives	11.6	4,257	4,801
Preventing CSEC on the Internet	2, 11.7	15,387	34,234
Strengthening Protection of Children from Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Central America	11.8	118,441	-
Second World Congress	11.9	-	321,561
ECPAT's Second International Assembly	11.10	113,115	-
Total disbursements		817,123	987,325
Receipts in excess (deficit) of disbursements		535,437	(18,594)
Opening fund balance		422,659	439,821
Prior years adjustments	16	(1,021)	1,432
		421,638	441,253
Closing fund balance	13	957,075	422,659

Notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these statements

ECPAT INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDING JUNE 30,

	USD	
	2003	2002
Cash: Brought forward		
Cash and banks	386,965	399,217
Advance to staff for work purposes	8,475	5,733
Advance to projects	1,970	30,700
Receivables (Payable) from ECPAT Groups and Partners	29,544	(2,462)
Other receivables	6,969	-
	433,923	433,188
Addition:		
Donations		
Donations receipts during the current year	1,352,560	968,731
Non cash payments:		
Accounts payable closing balance	113,968	30,106
Accrued expenses closing balance	44,992	8,485
Prior year adjustment	(1,021)	1,431
	1,944,422	1,441,941
Deductions:		
Disbursements for various projects	(817,123)	(987,325)
Change in prepayments and deposits - net	(1,308)	373
Accounts payable opening balance	(30,106)	(4,324)
Accrued expenses opening balance	(8,485)	(16,742)
Donations receivable	(109,853)	-
	977,547	433,923

Notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these statements

ECPAT INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDING JUNE 30,

	2003	USD 2002
Cash: Carried forward		
Cash and banks	881,156	386,965
Advance to staff for work purposes	15,289	8,475
Advance to projects	73,243	1,970
Receivables from ECPAT Groups and Partners	6,592	29,544
Other receivables	1,267	6,969
	977,547	433,923

Notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these statements

ECPAT INTERNATIONAL NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2003 AND 2002

I. OPERATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE ORGANIZATION

ECPAT International was established in January 1991. The main objective of the organization is to eliminate child prostitution, child pornography, and the trafficking of children for sexual purposes. The organization seeks to encourage the world community to ensure that children everywhere enjoy their fundamental rights free and secure from all forms of commercial sexual exploitation. The organization is located in Thailand at 328 Phayathai Road, Bangkok 10400.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The organization maintains its books and records in US dollar in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles with certain practices considered as appropriate for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

The brief particulars in the financial statements are presented to comply with the modified Notification of the Department of Commercial Registration (currently Department of Business Development) of Thailand dated September 14, 2001 regarding "The Brief Particulars in the Financial Statements, B.E. 2544 (A.D. 2001)".

Certain reclassifications have been made to the financial statements and its related notes to financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2002 to conform to the presentation of the financial statements and the notes to financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2003. The reclassifications relate to Income and Expenditures for activities under the project "Protecting Children Online: ECPAT's Internet Guidebook" in the year ended June 30, 2002 which were reported as part of the Information and Educational Resources project (see Note 11.2). During the year ended June 30, 2003, this project was carried out as part of the Preventing CSEC on the Internet project (see Note 11.7). It has thus been reported under the latter project. The related prior year income and expenditures have been reclassified accordingly.

Statement of assets and liabilities under ECPAT International's project in Central America, namely, "Strengthening Protection of Children from Commercial Sexual Exploitation" as at May 31, 2003 and the related statement of income and expenses for the year then ended which were incurred in Central America and were audited by Deloitte & Touche - Costa Rica are combined with the financial statements of ECPAT International for the year ended June 30, 2003.

The significant accounting policies are summarized as follows:

2.1 Receipts and Disbursements

ECPAT International applies cash basis of accounting in recognizing income. However, funds committed for the year but not yet received from the donors are recognized in the accounts.

The allocation of donations income to projects depends on the requirements of donors. Some funds are allocated to specific projects in line with provisions of contracts with donors. Funds without restrictions in terms of the activities to which they should be applied are allocated to projects by the management's judgment.

During the accounting period, disbursements are recorded as incurred on an accrual basis.

2.2 Administrative Cost Allocation

Administrative costs are allocated to projects proportionally based on either direct costs of projects or staff headcount in each project, see Note 12 for detailed breakdown of administrative cost.

2.3 Fixed Assets

Purchases of fixed assets are treated as disbursements and matched against current year receipts of funds. The reason for such treatment of fixed assets is the need to ensure that there is matching of donation income to disbursement in respect of fixed assets acquisition.

For the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002, fixed assets acquisitions amounted to USD 13,280 and USD 13,471, respectively.

2.4 Foreign Currencies Transactions

Transactions denominated in the Thai Baht and Euro currencies, which took place during the year, were translated into USD at the rates of exchange of the last day of the preceding month. However, transactions that occurred in currencies other than the Thai Baht and Euro were translated into USD at the exchange rates of the transactions' dates. Monetary assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date denominated in foreign currencies are translated into USD by the exchange rate at the balance sheet date. Gains or losses on foreign exchange arising on settlements and translations are recognized as receipt or disbursement in the statement of income as incurred.

3. DONATIONS RECEIVABLE

Donation Receivable represents funds owed to ECPAT International by UNICEF New York, European Union/ Groupe Developpement and French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the amounts of USD 20,000, USD 78,730 and USD 31,123, respectively

We noted that UNICEF New York has paid the above mentioned donations to ECPAT International subsequent to the balance sheet date.

Donations receivables from European Union / Groupe Developpement and French Ministry of Foreign Affairs amounting to USD 78,730 and USD 31,123, respectively are meant to cover expenditures that had been incurred during the year ended June 30, 2003 under an existing specific budget forming the basis for the donations granted by these donors to ECPAT International. These amounts have been estimated based on the percentage of contribution by each party to the stated budget as specified in the relevant agreement signed between the parties to that effect.

4. ACCRUED EXPENSES

	2002	2003
	USD	USD
Telephone - international	700	731
Telephone - local	70	102
Fax - overseas	-	88
Fax - local	-	8
Electricity	-	594
Water	-	86
Internet usage	150	65
Accrual - general	-	915
Audit fee	8,488	5,896
Other project accruals	<u>35,584</u>	-
Total	<u>44,992</u>	<u>8,485</u>

5. DONATION INCOME

5.1 For the year ended June 30, 2003

	Total	Accrued	Total	Project	General Income		
	Donations	Income	Donations	Specific	Total	Admin	General
	Received		Income	Income	general	Specific	
	USD	USD	USD	USD	Income	USD	USD
The Anglican Church of Canada	6,610	-	6,610	6,610	-	-	-
Australian Government/AusAID	11,612	-	11,612	11,612	-	-	-
Christian Aid	43,088	-	43,088	1,848	41,240	-	41,240
Church of Sweden	4,085	-	4,085	4,085	-	-	-
Catholic Organization for Relief and Development (CORDAID)	22,178	-	22,178	22,178	-	-	-
Groupe Developpement/ European Union	116,547	78,730	195,277	183,852	11,425	11,425	-
Groupe Developpement/French MAE	37,870	31,123	68,993	68,993	-	-	-
Fund for Nonviolence	8,800	-	8,800	8,000	800	-	800
Global Fund for Children	4,983	-	4,983	4,983	-	-	-
Groupe Developpement	399,917	-	399,917	354,000	45,917	-	45,917
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland	49,396	-	49,396	49,396	-	-	-
Miserreor	10,926	-	10,926	10,926	-	-	-
OAK Foundation	86,064	-	86,064	74,764	11,300	11,300	-
SEAFILD	4,567	-	4,567	4,567	-	-	-
SIDA	374,836	-	374,836	-	374,836	-	374,836
Stichting Kinderpostzegels Nederland (SKN)	41,742	-	41,742	-	41,742	-	41,742
UNICEF Thailand	19,041	-	19,041	19,041	-	-	-
Sundry donations	445	-	445	-	445	-	445
Total	<u>1,242,707</u>	<u>109,853</u>	<u>1,352,560</u>	<u>824,855</u>	<u>527,705</u>	<u>22,725</u>	<u>504,980</u>

Additional Information**Donations in Advance**

For the year ended June 30, 2003

Donation income includes donations received towards the end of the financial year from donors listed below for activities planned for a period up to June 2004 as follows.

Projects	Period of Donation	Donor	Amount (USD)
Networking, Implementing and Monitoring the Agenda for Action	July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2003	Groupe Developpement	170,000
Information and Educational Resources	July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2003	Groupe Developpement	41,000
Strengthening Recovery of Child Victims of CSEC	July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2003	Groupe Developpement	46,000
Preventing Child Sex Tourism	July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2003	Groupe Developpement	97,000
Administration	July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2003	Groupe Developpement	45,917
General	January 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004	SIDA	374,836
			774,753

5.2 For the year ended June 30, 2002

	Total	Project	General Income		
	Donations	Specific	Total	Admin	General
	Received	Income	General	Specific	General
	USD	USD	Income	USD	USD
Asian Partnership for Human Development (APHD)	7,970	7,970	-	-	-
Australian Government/AusAID	6,033	6,033	-	-	-
Bread for the World	44,348	44,348	-	-	-
Church of Sweden	41,468	26,518	14,950	-	14,950
Catholic Organization for Relief and Development (CORDAID)	20,086	20,086	-	-	-
Christian Aid	36,255	-	36,255	-	36,255
Dienste in Ubersee (DU)	3,750	3,750	-	-	-
European Commission	119,077	119,077	-	-	-
Fund for Nonviolence	14,943	14,943	-	-	-
KINDEREN IN DE KNEL/Global Ministries UPCN	16,336	-	16,336	-	16,336
Groupe Developpement / European Union	134,614	126,127	8,487	8,487	-
Stichting Kinderpostzegels Nederland	83,230	42,720	40,510	-	40,510
OAK Foundation	138,353	120,600	17,753	17,753	-
Ireland Aid	28,827	28,827	-	-	-
Canadian International Development Agency / SEAFILD	21,097	21,097	-	-	-
SECOURS CATHOLIQUE	6,807	6,807	-	-	-
SIDA	113,525	102,125	11,400	11,400	-
Trocaire	21,383	21,383	-	-	-
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C (Taiwan)	34,387	34,387	-	-	-
British Embassy	21,075	21,075	-	-	-
UNICEF Geneva	18,986	18,986	-	-	-
UNICEF EAPRO	4,926	4,926	-	-	-
UNICEF Thailand	4,497	4,497	-	-	-
UNICEF New York	20,000	20,000	-	-	-
World Vision International	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
Sundry donations	1,758	-	1,758	-	1,758
	968,731	821,282	147,449	37,640	109,809

Additional Information**Donations in Advance**

For the year ended June 30, 2002

Donation income includes donations received from donors listed below, for the projects entitled Strengthening Protection of Children from Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Centra America and Youth Partnership Project for Victims of Trafficking for Sexual Purposes. These projects were to be launched in the second half of the year 2002 and span over periods of 3 years and 1 year, respectively.

Project	Donor	Amount USD
Strengthening Protection of Children from Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Central America	European Commission	119,077
Strengthening Protection of Children from Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Central America	Ireland Aid	28,827
Youth Partnership Project for Victims of Trafficking for Sexual Purposes	Trocaire	21,383
		<u><u>169,287</u></u>

All donations received, whether for a future year or not, are shown as part of income of the year.

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

ECPAT Foundation is a foundation registered in Thailand to End Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, which is regarded as a partner of ECPAT International in Thailand. As at June 30, 2003 and 2002, ECPAT International's records show amounts of USD 87,678 and USD 28,476, respectively, as payable and advance to ECPAT Foundation.

During the financial year ended June 30, 2002, the Treasurer of the Board of ECPAT International wrote a Theme Paper for the Second World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children for a fee of USD 3,150 paid by ECPAT International. He performed such work in the capacity of Executive Director of Human Rights Internet and co-founder of the Canadian government's Committee against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and the Youth.

7. REMUNERATION OR FEES TO BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members do not earn any remuneration or fees for the work they carry out as Board Members. Any work undertaken to ECPAT International whereby a Board member performs technical or specialty services for remuneration are not deemed to be in conflict with this policy.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REMUNERATION

The sum of USD 32,570 and USD 39,268 have been paid as salary and living allowance to the Executive Director of ECPAT International during the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

9. TOTAL STAFF COSTS AND SIZE

The total amount paid as salaries and allowance to the staff of ECPAT international for the financial years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 amount to USD 374,735 and USD 314,150, respectively. These amounts include the sums paid to the Executive Director shown under Note 8 above.

Staff size averaged 29 and 20 during the years 2003 and 2002, respectively and there were 31 staff and 21 staff at the end of the years 2003 and 2002, respectively. The increase in the number of staff during the year ended June 30, 2003 is mainly due to the additional project, namely : "Strengthening Protection of Children from Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Central America" which was launched in June 2002 and an internship program that has been strengthened in the same year.

10. AUDIT FEE

The fee for the audit exercise relating to the financial years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 amounted to USD 8,488 and USD 5,896, respectively. The auditors provide no additional services to ECPAT International other than annual audit.

II. PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR

II.I Networking, Implementing and Monitoring of the Agenda for Action

	Notes	For the Year ended June 30,	
		2003 USD	2002 USD
Income:			
Donations			
- Church of Sweden		4,085	26,518
- Groupe Developpement / European Union		80,061	40,014
- Fund for Nonviolence		8,000	14,943
- Groupe Developpement		170,000	-
- OAK Foundation		74,764	120,600
- SIDA		-	51,025
Total Income		336,910	253,100
Expenditures:			
Salaries and Related			
- Executive Director (Partial cost)		13,028	19,635
- Deputy Director (Partial cost)		-	1,041
- Deputy for Fundraising and Communications (Partial Cost)		2,277	-
- Deputy for Administration and Personnel (Partial cost)		3,506	-
- Regional Officer - Africa		17,296	18,700
- Regional Officer - Americas (Partial cost)		16,517	17,558
- Regional Officer - Asia/Pacific		17,482	17,340
- Regional Officer - Middle East/ North Africa		12,311	18,439
- Regional Officer - Europe/CIS Countries		18,994	18,139
- Researcher - CIS Countries		3,059	-
		104,470	110,852
- Volunteers/Interns		1,313	433
- Consultant		2,652	1,336
		3,965	1,769
		108,435	112,621

	Notes	For the Year ended June 30,	
		2003 USD	2002 USD
Program Activities:			
Africa			
- Coordination and Micro Project Support		5,969	13,358
- Situational Analysis Research		-	3,760
- Regional Consultation Meeting		-	28,623
- Networking and Monitoring Missions		8,084	708
		14,053	46,449
America			
- Situational Analysis Research		-	8,763
- Networking and Monitoring Missions		483	8,987
		483	17,750
Asia/Pacific			
- Coordination and Micro Project Support		3,500	-
- National Consultation Meeting		10,703	-
- Networking and Monitoring Missions		6,446	8,402
		20,649	8,402
Europe/CIS Countries			
- Situational Analysis Research		5,279	-
- ECPAT Groups Meeting		-	6,967
- Networking and Monitoring Missions		3,929	8,854
		9,208	15,821
The Middle East/North Africa			
- Situational Analysis Research		16,827	-
- Regional Consultation Meeting		32,020	-
- Networking and Monitoring Missions		1,423	5,826
		50,270	5,826
Direct Administrative Costs			
- Computer Equipment		4,173	2,752
- Office Furniture and Equipment		2,519	4,306
- Internet Access		6,009	6,527
- Maintenance of Equipment		919	841
- Staff Development		449	-
- Miscellaneous		834	906
		14,903	15,332

	Notes	For the Year ended	
		June 30,	
		2003	2002
		USD	USD
Allocated Administrative Cost	12.1	60,322	58,327
Total Expenditure		278,323	280,528
Excess of Income over Expenditure		58,587	(27,428)
Specific Fund Balance Brought Forward	13, 13.1	84,777	58,241
Transfer from General Fund	14	60,322	63,964
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward		203,686	94,777
Specific Fund Transfer to ECPAT's Second International Assembly	11.10, 13.1	-	(10,000)
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward after reallocation	15	203,686	84,777

II.2 Information and Educational Resources

	Notes	For the Year ended June 30,	
		2003 USD	2002 USD
Income:			
Donations			
- The Anglican Church of Canada		6,610	-
- Groupe Developpement / European Union		58,762	86,113
- Groupe Developpement / French MAE		68,993	-
- Groupe Developpement		41,000	-
- Misereor		10,926	-
- SIDA		-	51,100
Total Income		186,291	137,213
Expenditure:			
Salaries and Related			
- Deputy Director (Partial cost)		-	7,814
- Deputy for Fundraising and Communications (Partial cost)		9,107	-
- Information Officer (Partial cost)		18,137	18,700
- Information Assistant - Web site/Database		15,017	12,617
- Information Assistant - Publication (Partial cost)		8,187	9,700
- Information Assistant - Resource Center		12,019	11,963
- System Administrator (Partial cost)		6,992	6,533
- Project Officer (Internet Book Project)		-	-
- Volunteers/Interns		1,340	-
		70,799	67,327
Publications and Information:			
Agenda for Action Report			
- Translation		7,930	22,862
- Printing		14,691	28,910
- Press Conference		59	13,614
- Distribution		13,653	1,384
		36,333	66,770

	Notes	For the Year ended June 30,	
		2003 USD	2002 USD
Newsletter			
- Translation		2,397	3,645
- Printing		3,942	6,658
- Distribution		7,890	7,066
		14,229	17,369
Web Site			
- Development		-	4,072
- Translation		77	2,565
		77	6,637
Annual/Half Year Report			
- Printing		2,670	1,619
- Distribution		922	243
		3,592	1,862
Other Publications/Information			
- Translation		773	560
- Printing		417	6,837
- Distribution		2,337	3,230
		3,527	10,627
Resource Center Development			
Acquisition and Distribution			
- Reference Materials		1,283	843
- Video		124	-
- Others		61	432
		1,468	1,275
Direct Administrative Cost	2, 12.1	551	711
Allocated Administrative Cost	2, 12.1	42,368	49,061
Total Expenditures	2	172,944	221,639
Excess of Income over Expenditures	2	13,347	(84,426)
Specific Fund Balance Brought Forward	13	-	22,343
Transfer from General Fund	2, 14	42,368	62,083
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward	15	55,715	-

II.3 Capacity Building

(Strengthening Services for the Recovery of Victims of CSEC and Eastern Europe Capacity Building)

II.3.1 Strengthening Services for the Recovery of Victims of CSEC

(Formerly : Support to Organizations Fighting CSEC)

	Notes	For the Year ended June 30,	
		2003 USD	2002 USD
Income:			
Donations			
- Catholic Organization for Relief and Development (CORDAID)		22,178	20,086
- Global Fund for Children		4,983	-
- Groupe Developpement		46,000	-
Total Income		73,161	20,086
Expenditure:			
Salaries and Related			
- Executive Director (Partial cost)		3,166	-
- Deputy Director (Partial cost)		-	2,931
- Deputy for Administration and Personnel (Partial cost)		876	-
- Training Coordinator		19,096	17,140
- Volunteer (Partial cost)		490	-
		23,628	20,071
Training Support to Care Givers			
- Training Missions		2,293	3,307
- Training Materials		1,649	1,430
- Resource Booklet & IT Package		118	-
		4,060	4,737
Micro Projects Support			
- WAO Afrique		-	1,050
- Sithabile Child and Youth Care Center		-	1,000
- ECPAT El Salvador		-	1,000
- DEI Burundi		-	185
- ONG ESAM - Benin		-	662
- MAIS-Income Supplement Project		-	1,000
		-	4,897

	Notes	For the Year ended June 30,	
		2003 USD	2002 USD
Direct Admin Cost	12.1	4	79
Allocated Administrative Cost	12.1	10,001	9,990
Total Expenditures		<u>37,693</u>	<u>39,774</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditures		35,468	(19,688)
Specific Fund Balance Brought Forward	13	-	4,842
Transfer from General Fund	14	10,002	14,846
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward	15	<u>45,470</u>	<u>-</u>

II.3.2 Eastern Europe Capacity Building

	Notes	For the Year ended June 30,	
		2003 USD	2002 USD
Income:			
Donations			
- Dienste in Ubersee (DU)		-	3,750
- UNICEF Geneva		-	18,986
Total Income		<u>-</u>	<u>22,736</u>
Expenditure:			
Salaries and Related			
- Executive Director (Partial cost)		-	2,060
- Coordinator (Eastern Europe Capacity Building)		-	3,750
- Regional Officer - Europe (Partial)		-	380
- Training Coordinator		-	760
		<u>-</u>	<u>6,950</u>
Seminars - Eastern Europe Capacity Building			
- Poland		-	5,721
- Baltics		-	5,803
- Bulgaria		-	5,587
- Slovakia and Czech		-	9,534
- Hungary		-	6,098
		<u>-</u>	<u>32,743</u>

	Notes	For the Year ended June 30,	
		2003 USD	2002 USD
Missions		-	5,642
Publication of Hungarian Booklet (Eastern Europe Capacity Building)		1,500	-
Direct Admin Cost	12.1	-	171
Allocated Administrative Cost	12.1	-	5,084
Total Expenditures		<u>1,500</u>	<u>50,590</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditures		(1,500)	(27,854)
Specific Fund Balance Brought Forward	13	8,365	36,219
Prior period adjustment		(206)	-
		<u>8,159</u>	<u>36,219</u>
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward	15	6,659	8,365
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward : Capacity Building		<u>52,129</u>	<u>8,365</u>

II.4 Youth Participation*

		For the Year ended June 30,	
	Notes	2003 USD	2002 USD
Income:			
Donations			
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland		49,396	-
- Trocaire		-	21,383
Total Income		49,396	21,383
Expenditures:			
Salaries and Related			
- Executive Director (Partial cost)		3,166	2,897
- Deputy for Administration and Personnel (Partial cost)		2,630	-
- Deputy for Fundraising and Communications (Partial cost)		648	-
- Youth Participation Officer		7,769	9,770
- Project Coordinator (Youth Partnership Project-Southern Africa)		3,000	-
		17,213	12,667
Youth Network Development			
- Meetings		-	2,803
- Missions		-	300
		-	3,103
Youth Partnership - Southern Africa			
- Law Enforcement		4,798	-
- Peer Counseling		7,245	-
- Lobbying/Media		8,550	-
- Awareness Raising		2,137	-
- Initial Partnership and Follow-up Missions		4,257	-
- Project Coordinator's Support Missions		4,479	-
		31,466	-
Direct Administrative Cost	12.1	360	82
Allocated Administrative Cost	12.1	10,226	7,600
Total Expenditure		59,265	23,452
Excess of Income over Expenditure		(9,869)	(2,069)
Specific Fund Balance Brought Forward	13	21,383	-
Transfer from General Fund	14	12,142	23,452
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward	15	23,656	21,383

*The Youth Partnership Project in Southern Africa was completed in June 2003. Since the completion coincided with the end of ECPAT International's financial year, all expenses were not included in this report.

II.5 Preventing Child Sex Tourism

	Notes	For the Year ended June 30,	
		2003 USD	2002 USD
Income:			
Donations			
- Groupe Developpement		97,000	-
Total Income		97,000	-
Expenditures:			
Salaries and Related			
- Executive Director's Salary (Partial cost)		2,507	2,764
- Deputy for Administration and Personnel (Partial cost)		876	-
- Information Assistant -Publications (Partial cost)		520	-
- Volunteer/Intern		988	-
		4,891	2,764
Missions		-	277
Direct Administrative Cost	12.1	18	607
Allocated Administrative Cost	12.1	11,289	7,098
Total Expenditure		16,198	10,746
Excess of Income over Expenditure		80,802	(10,746)
Specific Fund Balance Brought Forward	13	-	-
Transfer from General Fund	14	11,289	10,746
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward	15	92,091	-

II.6 Legal Reform and Law Enforcement Initiatives

(Formerly : Promoting Multidisciplinary Approach to Law Enforcement and Best Law Practices)

	Notes	For the Year ended June 30,	
		2003 USD	2002 USD
Income:			
Donations		-	-
Total Income		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures:			
Salaries and Related			
- Executive Director (Partial cost)		3,166	3,662
- Consultant (Partial cost)		175	-
		<u>3,341</u>	<u>3,662</u>
Direct Administrative Cost	12.1	-	11
Allocated Administrative Cost	12.1	<u>916</u>	<u>1,128</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>4,257</u>	<u>4,801</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure		<u>(4,257)</u>	<u>(4,801)</u>
Specific Fund Balance Brought Forward	13	-	2,020
Transfer from General Fund	14	<u>4,257</u>	<u>2,781</u>
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward	15	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

II.7 Preventing CSEC on the Internet

	Notes	For the Year ended June 30,	
		2003 USD	2002 USD
Income:			
Donations			
- UNICEF, Thailand		19,041	4,497
- British Embassy		-	21,075
Total Income		19,041	25,572
Expenditures:			
Salaries and Related			
- Project Officer		1,965	-
- Deputy Director (Partial cost)		-	1,041
- Deputy for Fundraising and Communications (Partial Cost)		1,138	-
- Deputy for Administration and Personnel (Partial Cost)		877	-
- Project Officer (Protecting Children Online: ECPAT's Internet Guidebook Project)		-	9,781
- Information Assistant-Publication (Partial Cost)		520	-
		4,500	10,822
Awareness Raising and Training			
- Development of Training and Module		2,465	-
		2,465	-
Communication and Educational Tools			
- E-Baby CD ROM		151	-
- Study on Internet Use in Thailand		539	-
		690	-
Protecting Children Online : ECPAT's Internet Guidebook			
- Survey Analysis		724	2,125
- Translation and Adaption		872	2,154
- Printing		2,274	10,063
- Distribution and Launching		344	1,484
		4,214	15,826
Direct Administrative Cost	2, 12.1	321	64
Allocated Administrative Cost	2, 12.1	3,197	7,522
Total Expenditure	2	15,387	34,234
Excess of Income over Expenditure	2	3,654	(8,662)
Specific Fund Balance Brought Forward	2, 13	4,235	-
Transfer from General Fund	2, 14	5,572	12,897
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward	2, 15	13,461	4,235

II.8 Strengthening Protection of Children from Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Central America

		For the Year ended	
		June 30,	
	Notes	2003 USD	2002 USD
Income:			
Donation income			
- European Commission		-	119,077
- Ireland Aid		-	28,827
		<u>-</u>	<u>147,904</u>
Expenditures:			
Salaries and Related			
- Program Supervisor		9,306	-
- Program Administrator		12,176	-
- Local Project Supervisors		13,441	-
- Administrative Assistants		8,322	-
- Executive Director (Partial Cost)		1,628	-
- Deputy for Fundraising and Communications (Partial Cost)		3,906	-
- Regional Officer - Americas (Partial Cost)		3,199	-
- Information Assistant - Publications (Partial Cost)		1,039	-
		<u>53,017</u>	<u>-</u>
Professional Support			
- Legal Consultant		11,080	-
- Resource Person at Seminars		697	-
- Other Professionals/Volunteers		755	-
		<u>12,532</u>	<u>-</u>
Travels, Services and Other Costs			
- Missions (Transportation)		5,931	-
- Missions (Per diem)		1,403	-
- Equipment and Supplies		5,126	-
- Local Project Office Costs		5,989	-
- Seminars		4,018	-
- Information Materials		8,646	-
- Audit Fees and Other Service Costs		2,534	-
		<u>33,647</u>	<u>-</u>
Direct Administrative Cost			
- Administrative Support-ECPAT Int. Secretariat	12.1	4,979	-
Allocated Administrative Cost	12.1	<u>14,266</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>118,441</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure		(118,441)	-
Specific Fund Balance Brought Forward	13	147,904	-
Transfer from General Fund	14	<u>17,466</u>	<u>-</u>
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward	15	<u>46,929</u>	<u>147,904</u>

II.9 Second World Congress (SWC)

	Notes	For the Year ended June 30,	
		2003 USD	2002 USD
Income:			
Donations			
- Australian Government/AusAID		-	6,033
- World Vision International		-	5,000
- Asian Partnership for Human Development (APHD)		-	7,970
- UNICEF, EAPRO		-	4,926
- Canadian International Development Agency / SEAFILD		-	21,097
- Kinderpostzegels		-	42,720
- Bread for the World		-	44,348
- UNICEF New York		-	20,000
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C (Taiwan)		-	34,387
- SECOURS CATHOLIQUE		-	6,807
Total Income		-	193,288
Expenditures:			
Salaries and Related			
- Executive Director (Partial cost)		-	2,735
- Deputy Director (Partial cost)		-	1,748
- Training Coordinator (Partial cost)		-	381
- Regional Officer - Americas (Partial cost)		-	381
- Information Assistant - Publication (Partial cost)		-	201
- Office Manager (Partial cost)		-	389
- Computer Manager (Partial cost)		-	261
- Temporary Staff-Logistics Coordinator/Volunteer		-	9,531
		-	15,627

	Notes	For the Year ended	
		2003	2002
		USD	USD
Congress Expenses			
Preparation for SWC			
- Professional Fee (Theme Paper)		-	6,150
- International Preparatory Committee (IPC) Meeting		-	4,621
- Regional Consultation Meeting, Bangkok		-	14,636
- Logistics Coordination		-	574
		-	25,981
Congress (SWC, Yokohama) Expenses			
- Travel and Accommodation		-	225,105
- Secretariat Cost		-	9,143
- Materials		-	
- Publication		-	1,189
- Mailing and Shipping		-	6,918
- Honorarium		-	3,150
		-	245,505
Follow-up Activities			
- Missions		-	1,177
Direct Administrative Cost	12.1	-	1,577
Allocated Administrative Cost	12.1	-	31,694
Total Expenditures		-	321,561
Excess of Income over Expenditure		-	(128,273)
Specific Fund Balance Brought Forward		-	135,070
Transfer from General Fund	14	-	31,694
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward		-	38,491
Specific Fund Transfer to ECPAT's Second International Assembly	11.10, 13.1	-	(38,491)
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward after reallocation	15	-	-

II.IO ECPAT's Second International Assembly

		For the Year ended June 30,	
	Notes	2003 USD	2002 USD
Income:			
Donations			
- Australian Government/AusAID		11,612	-
- Christian Aid		1,848	-
- Groupe Development / European Union		45,029	-
- SEAFILD		4,567	-
		63,056	-
Expenditures:			
Salaries and Related			
- Assembly Coordinator		5,928	-
- Executive Director (Partial cost)		3,183	-
- Deputy for Fundraising and Communications (Partial Cost)		813	-
- Information Officer (Partial cost)		319	-
- Information Assistant - Publication (Partial cost)		127	-
- Office Manager (Partial cost)		327	-
- Finance Officer (Partial cost)		319	-
		11,016	-
Other Professional Support			
		1,289	-
International Assembly			
- Assembly and Workshop Organization Costs		12,067	-
- Participants Travel and Subsistence			
Eastern Europe		5,914	-
North Africa/Middle East		338	-
Americas		16,621	-
Europe		16,398	-
Asia/Pacific		20,679	-
Africa		12,568	-
		72,518	-
Materials and Information Kits			
		6,665	-
Direct Administrative Cost	12.1	1,498	-
Allocated Administrative Cost	12.1	8,062	-
Total Expenditures		113,115	-
Excess of Income over Expenditure		(50,059)	-
Specific Fund Balance Brought Forward	13	48,491	
Transfer from General Fund	14	1,568	
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward		-	-
Specific Fund Transfer from			
• Networking, Implementing and Monitoring of the Agenda for Action	11.1, 13.1	-	10,000
• Second World Congress	11.9, 13.1	-	38,491
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward after reallocation	15	-	48,491

	Notes	For the Year ended June 30,	
		2003 USD	2002 USD
Specific Fund Balance Brought Forward	13	48,491	-
Transfer from General Fund	14	1,568	-
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward		-	-
Specific Fund Transfer from			
•Networking, Implementing and Monitoring of the Agenda for Action	11.1, 13.1	-	10,000
•Second World Congress	11.9, 13.1	-	38,491
Specific Fund Balance Carried Forward after reallocation	15	-	48,491

12. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

12.1 For the year ended June 30, 2003

Direct Administrative Cost

Items	Total July 2002- June 2003	Networking, Implementation and Monitoring of the Agenda for Action	Information and Educational Resources	Strengthening Services for the Recovery of Victims of CSEC	Youth Participation	Preventing Child Sex Tourism	Legal Reform and Law Enforcement Initiatives	Preventing CSEC on the Internet	Strengthening Protection of Children from CSE in Central America	ECPAT's Second International Assembly
Staff Salaries and Related	449	449	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel and Accommodation	350	226	17	1	63	-	-	-	-	43
Missions and Meetings Related	45	27	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-
Professional Fees	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	-	-
Acquisitions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Representation	161	-	137	-	12	-	-	-	-	12
Office Stationery and Supplies	339	16	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	183
Building Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office Furniture and Equipment	7,611	7,611	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Financial Expense	5,170	185	-	-	262	-	-	53	4,619	51
Communication	6,198	6,009	-	-	-	-	-	-	136	53
Mailing and Shipping	1,944	355	242	3	23	-	-	18	206	1,097
Miscellaneous Expenses	117	25	15	-	-	-	-	-	18	59
USD	22,634	14,903	551	4	360	18	-	321	4,979	1,498

Allocated Administrative Cost

Items	Total July 2002- June 2003	Networking, Implementation and Monitoring of the Agenda for Action	Information and Educational Resources	Strengthening Services for the Recovery of Victims of CSEC	Youth Participation	Preventing Child Sex Tourism	Legal Reform and Law Enforcement Initiatives	Preventing CSEC on the Internet	Strengthening Protection of Children from CSE in Central America	ECPAT's Second International Assembly
Staff Salaries and Related	101,125	37,721	24,490	5,637	7,468	3,870	576	1,424	13,597	6,342
Travel and Accommodation	22,223	8,428	6,588	1,603	1,071	2,641	127	638	434	693
Missions and Meetings Related	1,485	563	440	107	72	176	9	43	29	46
Professional Fees	9,577	3,550	2,126	475	799	80	54	83	1,697	713
Acquisitions	587	223	174	42	28	70	3	17	12	18
Representation	1,663	616	369	83	139	14	9	14	295	124
Office Stationery and Supplies	6,753	2,561	2,002	487	325	802	39	194	132	211
Building Related Expenses	20,386	7,731	6,043	1,471	982	2,422	117	586	398	636
Office Furniture and Equipment	430	164	128	31	21	51	2	12	9	12
Financial Expense	(13,699)	(5,078)	(3,042)	(680)	(1,142)	(114)	(78)	(118)	(2,427)	(1,020)
Communication	9,617	3,647	2,851	694	463	1,143	55	276	188	300
Mailing and Shipping	1,181	448	350	85	57	140	7	34	23	37
Miscellaneous Expenses	707	262	157	35	59	6	4	6	125	53
Total Expenses	162,035	60,836	42,676	10,070	10,342	11,301	924	3,209	14,512	8,165
Less : Other Income	(1,388)	(514)	(308)	(69)	(116)	(12)	(8)	(12)	(246)	(103)
Allocated Administrative Cost	160,647	60,322	42,368	10,001	10,226	11,289	916	3,197	14,266	8,062
Total Administrative Cost	USD 183,281	75,225	42,919	10,005	10,586	11,307	916	3,518	19,245	9,560

12.2 For the year ended June 30, 2002

Direct Administrative Cost

Items	Total July 2001 – June 2002	Networking, Implementing and Monitoring of the Agenda for Action	Information and Publication	Support to organizations Fighting CSEC	Eastern Europe	Youth Participation	Preventing Child Sex Tourism	Promoting Multidisciplinary Approach to Law Enforcement and Best Law Practices	Preventing CSEC on the Internet	Second World Congress
Staff Related Expenses	40	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel and Accommodation	56	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	45
Miscellaneous Expenses	597	-	396 *	-	-	-	22	8	16 *	155
Office Stationery and Supplies	58	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Office Furniture and Equipment	8,412	7,899	30	-	-	-	483	-	-	-
Financial Expense	1,176	-	- *	79	41	-	-	-	48 *	1,008
Communication	6,527	6,527	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mailing and Shipping	1,768	866	247	-	130	82	91	3	-	349
	USD 18,634		711 *	79	171	82	607	11	64 *	1,577

* Restated

Allocated Administrative Cost

Items	Total July 2001 – June 2002	Networking, Implementing and Monitoring of the Agenda for Action	Information and Publication	Support to organizations Fighting CSEC	Eastern Europe	Youth Participation	Preventing Child Sex Tourism	Promoting Multidisciplinary Approach to Law Enforcement and Best Law Practices	Preventing CSEC on the Internet	Second World Congress
Staff Salaries and Related	84,022	25,641	20,923	4,021	3,408	2,753	2,070	468	3,219	21,519
Travel and Accommodation	36,040	13,110	11,441	2,484	388	2,086	2,271	272	1,746	2,242
Missions and Meetings Related	1,123	308	240	41	63	22	5	5	37	402
Professional Fees	7,546	2,070	1,608	278	424	148	34	34	249	2,701
Acquisitions	368	101	78	13	22	7	2	2	12	131
Representation	2,835	778	604	104	159	55	13	13	94	1,015
Miscellaneous Expenses	733	201	157	27	41	14	3	3	24	263
Office Stationery and Supplies	6,029	2,193	1,914	416	65	349	380	45	292	375
Building Related Expenses	26,292	9,564	8,347	1,812	283	1,522	1,657	198	1,274	1,635
Office Furniture and Equipment	3,830	1,393	1,216	264	41	222	241	29	186	238
Financial Expense	2,138	586	455	79	120	42	10	10	71	765
Communication	8,907	3,240	2,827	614	96	516	561	67	432	554
Mailing and Shipping	1,877	683	596	129	20	109	118	14	91	117
Total Expense	181,740	59,868	50,406	10,282	5,130	7,845	7,365	1,160	7,727	31,957
Less: Other Income	(4,236)	(1,541)	(1,345)	(292)	(46)	(245)	(267)	(32)	(205)	(263)
Allocated Administrative Cost	177,504	58,327	49,061	9,990	5,084	7,600	7,098	1,128	7,522	31,694
Total Administrative Cost	196,138	73,659	49,772	10,069	5,255	7,682	7,705	1,139	7,586	33,271

* Restated

13. SPECIFIC AND GENERAL FUND BALANCES

13.1 Specific and general funds for the year ended June 30, 2003

	Notes	Specific Fund *	General Fund	Total Fund
Balance as at July 1, 2002		315,155	107,504	422,659
New funds	5.1	824,855	527,705	1,352,560
Transfer from General to Specific funds	14	164,986	(164,986)	-
		1,304,996	470,223	1,775,219
Utilization of funds		(817,123)	-	(817,123)
Prior years adjustment	16	(206)	(815)	(1,021)
Balance as at June 30, 2003	15	USD 487,667	469,408	957,075

* Specific and General Funds balances indicated above include donations amounting to USD 774,753 in total, which are to be used for activities planned for execution during the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. The breakdown of these funds has been shown under Note 5.1 of this report.

During the year 2002/2003, transfers have been made within specific projects after authorizations were sought from the concerned donors. The following were the transfers effected as at June 30, 2003. Related information have been changed accordingly.

The opening funds balances of those projects not shown in the schedule below remained unchanged

Projects		Networking, Implementing and Monitoring The Agenda for Action	Information and Educational Resources	Second World Congress	ECPAT's Second International Assembly	Preventing CSEC on the Internet
Specific Fund Balances						
Carried Forward as at June 30, 2002	USD	94,777	4,235	38,491	-	-
Specific Funds transferred (from) to:						
Networking, Implementing and Monitoring the Agenda for Action						
OAK Foundation		(10,000)			10,000	
Information and Educational Resources						

Projects	Networking, Implementating and Monitoring The Agenda for Action	Information and Educational Resources	Second World Congress	ECPAT's Second International Assembly	Preventing CSEC on the Internet
UNICEF Thailand		(4,235)			4,235
Second World Congress					
Stichting Kinderpostzegels N., World Childhood Foundation, Week of Compassion			(38,491)	38,491	
Specific Fund Balances Brought					
Forward as at July 1, 2002 (Restated)					
(see Note 15)	USD 84,777	-	-	48,491	4,235

13.2 Specific and general funds for the year ended June 30, 2003

	Notes	Specific Fund *	General Fund	Total Fund
Balance as at July 1, 2002		315,155	107,504	422,659
New funds	5.1	824,855	527,705	1,352,560
Transfer from General to Specific funds	14	164,986	(164,986)	-
		1,304,996	470,223	1,775,219
Utilization of funds		(817,123)	-	(817,123)
Prior years adjustment	16	(206)	(815)	(1,021)
Balance as at June 30, 2003	15	487,667	469,408	957,075

* Specific and General Funds balances indicated above include donations amounting to USD 774,753 in total, which are to be used for activities planned for execution during the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. The breakdown of these funds has been shown under Note 5.1 of this report.

During the year 2002/2003, transfers have been made within specific projects after authorizations were sought from the concerned donors. The following were the transfers effected as at June 30, 2003. Related information have been changed accordingly.

The opening funds balances of those projects not shown in the schedule below remained unchanged.

Projects		Networking, Implementing and Monitoring The Agenda for Action	Information and Publication	Developing Network	Capacity Building Eastern Europe	Support to Organizations Fighting CSEC	Micro Project
Special Fund Balances							
Carried Forward as at June 30, 2001	USD	53,303		63,500			4,842
Special Funds transferred from (to):							
Developing Network							
OAK Foundation		9,860		(9,860)			
ICCO		17,421		(17,421)			
UNICEF, Geneva				(14,943)	14,943		
Kinderpostzegels				(21,276)	21,276		
Micro Projects						4,842	(4,842)
Trocaire							
Monitoring the Stockholm							
Agenda for Action							
Grouper Development		(20,349)	20,349				
French Ministry of Foreign Affairs		(1,994)	1,994				
Specific Fund Balances							
Brought Forward as at July 1, 2001 (Re- structured)	USD	58,241	22,343	0	36,219	4,842	0

14. TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL TO SPECIFIC FUND

Projects	Notes	For the years ended	
		June 30,	
		2003	2002
		USD	USD
Networking, Implementing and Monitoring the Agenda for Action		60,322	63,964
Information and Educational Resources	2	42,368	62,083
Capacity Building: Strengthening Services for the Recovery of Victims of CSEC		10,002	14,846
Youth Participation		12,142	23,452
Preventing Child Sex Tourism		11,289	10,746
Legal Reform and Law Enforcement Initiatives		4,257	2,781
Preventing CSEC on the Internet	2	5,572	12,897
Strengthening Protection of Children from Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Central America		17,466	-
Second World Congress		-	31,694
ECPAT's Second International Assembly		1,568	-
		164,986	222,463

15. SPECIFIC FUND

Projects	Notes	As at June 30,	
		2003 USD	2002 USD
Networking, Implementing and Monitoring the Agenda for Action	13.1	203,686	84,777
Information and Educational Resources	13.1	55,715	-
Capacity Building : Strengthening Services for the Recovery of Victims of CSEC		45,470	-
Capacity Building : Eastern Europe Capacity Building		6,659	8,365
Youth Participation		23,656	21,383
Preventing Child Sex Tourism		92,091	-
Preventing CSEC on the Internet	13.1	13,461	4,235
Strengthening Protection of Children from Commercial Sexual			
Exploitation in Central America		46,929	147,904
ECPAT's Second International Assembly	13.1	-	48,491
		487,667	315,155

Specific funds balance for the year ended June 30, 2003 indicated above includes donations amounting to USD 774,753 in total which are to be applied to expenditures for activities planned for execution during the year ending June 30, 2004. The breakdown of these funds has been shown under Note 5.1 of this report.

Specific funds balance for the year ended June 30, 2002 included the sum of USD 169,287 representing donations received in advance for projects that were to be launched in the second half of 2002 calendar year. These resources were not available for use in the financial year 2001/2002. The projects for which these funds were received in advance would span over a period of one and three years respectively. Donors of these funds were stated under Note 5.2 of this report.

16. PRIOR YEARS ADJUSTMENT

Prior years adjustment relate to adjustments made to donation incomes for the year 2001/2002 and accruals with respect to over provisions during the year 2000/2001. The details are as follows:

For the year ended June 30, 2003

Specific Donations Income – Eastern Europe Capacity Building	USD	(206)
General Donations Income		(815)
Total	USD	(1,021)

For the year ended June 30, 2002

Accruals - General	USD	1,000
Accruals - Local Fax		14
Accruals - Email		150
Accruals - International Fax		44
Accruals - International Telephone		224
Total	USD	1,432



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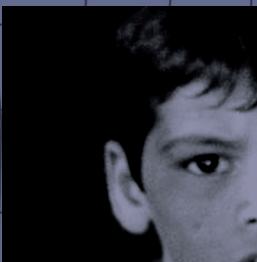
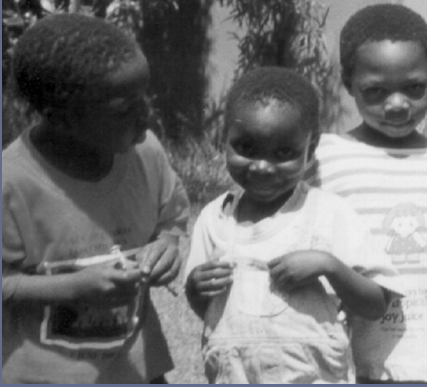
The ECPAT Network



ECPAT Network in



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CLOSE

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Background

CLOSE is a network of 30 NGOs and resource persons fighting for the defence of children rights. It was established in 1998, and became an affiliate member of ECPAT International in March 2002. This network was set up in order to mobilise actors so that they can fight efficiently against traffic and child sexual exploitation. Enfants Solidaires d'Afrique et du Monde (ESAM) is the coordinator for the network.

In August 2002, CLOSE also organised a seminar to launched the activities of the Coalition Against Trafficking of Women (CATW) in Benin. This event was an opportunity for the group to develop new partnerships with other NGOs working on similar issues. Moreover, the Coordinator of CLOSE participated to the work of ECPAT's Second General Assembly from which a Final Report was published in February 2003.

Recent Activities

In October, CLOSE resumed its capacity development activities for NGOs. Various training sessions were held with members of the group, which allowed CLOSE to improve its organisation while developing a strategy plan. These training sessions also led to a programme against child trafficking. In addition, a press conference was recently organised to develop awareness in the media on CSEC issues and to publicize the beginning of an exploratory study on trafficking of children in southern Benin.

Planned Activities

CLOSE hopes to organise more training workshops to build up strategies to fight the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Capacity building among the network and awareness activities are also planned for the upcoming reporting period. In addition, the group intends to hold exchange visits with WAO-Afrique in Togo. CLOSE also wants to develop and strengthen its institutional support. Finally, it will apply to become the implementing organisation for the programme against child trafficking mandated by CARE Benin.

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Background

The Burundi office of Defence for Children International opened in 1994, during a time of civil war, and it continues to operate under difficult conditions. The economic blockade, which ended in 1999, still affected the vast majority of the population. The commercial sexual exploitation of children in Burundi has meanwhile grown to be a major problem. DEI's mission, in collaboration with other NGOs and church groups, centres around the reintegration of the many children who have been harmed by Burundi's civil war, including child soldiers.

Recent Activities

DEI-Burundi works on developing awareness of children's rights via radio and television announcements, and organising cultural, recreational, and athletic activities for children in internal refugee shelters and camps for displaced persons, where children are often living alone and are extremely vulnerable to sexual exploitation.

Planned Activities

DEI-Burundi is targeting four groups with whom they intend to work in the next three years: the managers and tenants of hotels, snack bars and brothels involved in the exploitation of children or witnessing CSEC; the Burundi Government, which has not yet adopted a specific code of legislation for the children; the children involved in prostitution and the children who could potentially be involved in CSEC; and parents. They want to engage with all of these groups in a dialogue in order to address directly the issue of CSEC. In order to accomplish this, DEI-Burundi intends to create district committees, to facilitate workshops on the issue, to develop a micro-project targeted towards poorer households to start a help-line for the victims, to distribute pamphlets in the appropriate neighbourhoods.

DEI-Burundi, in collaboration with 'le Collectif des Associations féminines du Burundi', have recently uncovered a paedophile network operating in Burundi. The case was rapidly abandoned for political reasons. This situation has strengthened DEI-Burundi's dedication to advocate the Burundi Government to convince them to play an active role against CSEC.

ECPAT Ethiopia/Forum on Street Children

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Background

Since 1989, Forum on Street Children – Ethiopia (FSCE) has worked to ensure respect of the rights and protection of street children, sexually exploited children and physically abused children, as well as children in conflict with the law.

Recent Activities

FSCE's preventive and support programme to raise awareness and empower children who have been abused and sexually exploited has gathered strength over the year. The programme, initiated with Radda Barnen (Save the Children Sweden), SCF USA and Population Service International in 1996, is now operating under an agreement for 2002-2004 signed with Addis Ababa's city managers.

The Non-formal Basic Child Education Programme (ACCESS) seeks to provide an education for children who have never been to school or have dropped out. During the year, 119 young people aged between seven and 14 participated in the programme, receiving education in the forum's Community Centre. Another programme offered after-school tutorial support to 108 children in grades one to six. Meanwhile, the newly formed Education Committee worked with the Project Committee on a plan of action for 2003.

Various schools played host to health-education programmes on sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as discussing and devising intervention programmes. The classes revealed that the students had little if any information on sexual abuse and exploitation or on reproductive health in general. The programme sought to teach them how to protect themselves against HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, as well as unwanted pregnancy. Now, a preventive programme to protect girl students at risk of commercial sexual exploitation has been implemented in three schools in Addis Ababa, after a plan of action was designed with school authorities. As well, a community health

education programme has involved nine peer educators (six young people and three mothers) visiting people at home to raise awareness about these issues.

The rehabilitation and support programme at FSCE's Drop-in Centre provides a range of services to about 100 child victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Its activities included formal and informal education, a sanitation and shower service, health and sex education, contraceptive provision, medical support, individual and group guidance, family reconciliation, informal skills training and life skills training. About 25 young people who had been attending the centre's programmes were transferred to the safe-home project, through which they engaged in serious skills training and work experience.

The introduction of a programme to promote self-guidance, self-evaluation and group guidance has resulted in noticeably improved behaviour among children attending FSCE's care centres. In addition, many children become accustomed to discussing their health problems with the community nurse.

A workshop was held for law enforcement officers. This followed discussions with children that highlighted how new police officers often failed to protect children adequately because they did not understand the life situation of children on the street. The workshop attracted 54 participants, while five children shared their experiences and offered their views on what they expect from the police.

Planned Activities

Following a familiarisation workshop held in December 2002 the newly established National Steering Committee against Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children hold a workshop for governmental and non-governmental organisations working with children. Following the workshops research on causes and effects of sexual abuse and exploitation of children is being carried out in two towns in southern Ethiopia.

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Background

The Child Protection Alliance in the Gambia was formed on April 2001. The official launching of the CPA was timed to correspond with the commemoration of the Day of the African Child on the 16th June 2001. The membership in the Alliance was expanded to approximately 40 organisations and a full-time National Coordinator was appointed on 1st April 2002.

Recent Activities

The Second National Workshop was held in January 2003. There was a focus on CPA's past and future activities, as well as specific issues such as CSEC, baby abandonment, and effective parenting.

A draft CPA training manual has been developed and is being evaluated by a group of professionals with a background either in child protection issues or training and education. A capacity building workshop for CPA board members was held in April 2003 to increase awareness of child abuse and protection issues.

A media workshop entitled "Ethics in Reporting Child Abuse Cases in The Gambia" was held 26th-27th February 2003. The training included case studies, article analysis and group work. Ethical guidelines for the media were discussed and recommendations for future collaboration between CPA and the media were outlined. Suggestions were made for a media Code of Conduct regarding children's issues.

A symposium was organized by CPA in commemoration of the Day of the African Child on the theme "The African Child has a right to protection from abuse and exploitation; Who is responsible for this protection?". The event attracted over 150 participants including young people, government officials, UN Agencies, journalists and NGO's.

A poster competition was held on child abuse issues. Five of the award-winning entries were printed and distributed amongst various organisations. The artwork features relevant articles from the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, in English and 3 local languages.

Recognising the central role that CPA gives to children in identifying their own issues and solutions to problems, a young people's group was established under the CPA called 'Voice of the Young for Child Protection. This group is being coordinated by two youth volunteers.

The CPA, UNICEF and other stakeholders have lobbied for the formation of a National Taskforce that reviews the laws related to children, in order to harmonise domestic laws with the UNCRC and the ACRWC. A draft Children's Code has been compiled by the Attorney General's Chamber

Research into Child Sex Tourism (CST) has been conducted in a joint venture with Terre des Hommes Netherlands. A report was launched in February 2003 and copies were distributed to key players in government and the tourism industry. The launch as well as CST in general received lots of press coverage. A second follow-up activity to this research is the training of tourist guides and police of the Tourist Development Area on issues related to Child Sex Tourism. In addition, the implementation of a Code of Conduct for the tourism sector is in an advanced stage. Further research into the occurrence of CSEC and CST is considered necessary and may be incorporated in the National Action Plan for 2004.

Planned Activities

In September 2003 a follow-up media workshop will be held at which the media Code of Conduct can be discussed. Financing has already been obtained from Save the Children, Sweden Regional Office in Dakar, Senegal.

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Background

SOS Violences Sexuelles was established in 1997 to address increasing reports of sexual crimes against women and children. The multidisciplinary team now includes legal consultants, psychologists, doctors and field workers. Psychological and legal support is provided for women and child victims of sexual abuse, as well as counselling for perpetrators. The legal consultants also seek to ensure that laws against sexual exploitation are enforced. SOS representatives participate in national and international conferences on the sexual exploitation of children. They also conduct research and aim to raise awareness about sexual violence.

Recent Activities

SOS Violences Sexuelles had planned to continue its awareness-raising activities and legal support to victims, although ECPAT International did not receive an update of activities for this reporting period. It had also intended to seek more collaboration with health centres and hospitals in order to provide better psychological support to victims, while at the same time focusing more strongly on HIV/AIDS issues and the links with sexual abuse. In addition, the organisation had hoped to set up vocational or professional training programmes if support was forthcoming.

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Background

ECPIK, a national coalition, was formed in 1995 and was actively involved in preparing for Stockholm as a Kenyan delegation member. Membership over the years has included child rights and protection NGO's, government departments, international NGOs, community based organizations (CBOs) and interested individuals. ECPIK has continued to be involved in raising awareness of CSEC issues and has supported government by making inputs to the Children's Act 200. ECPIK has also made contributions at national and regional workshops on issues related to the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).

In 2002, a 3-year Strategic Plan was developed and a process put in place for the employment of a National Coordinator to spearhead the coordination of activities. In 2003, activity increased, funding was obtained and a National Coordinator was appointed.

Recent Activities

ECPIK Board Members have been very active in their respective organizations raising awareness of CSEC issues. The Strategic Plan outlines 3 core objectives:

information, education and communication on CSEC issues; policy and advocacy on CSEC; and capacity building through training of member organizations on issues of advocacy and strategies to eliminate CSEC. In spite of numerous initiatives, the abuse and exploitation of children remains a major concern for ECPIK.

Planned Activities

With the appointment of the National Coordinator it is anticipated that the Strategic Plan will begin to be put into operation. There will be an initial focus on developing a communication strategy to ensure that there is a flow of information on CSEC issues within the country. The Coordinator will work on an updated Situational Analysis on CSEC and will then organise a media campaign to highlight the issues. Priority will be given to identifying potential areas for research and funding sought accordingly. Collaboration with key government and international partners will be sought. The active participation of children will also be a priority target.

ECPIK will seek to widen its membership and to develop low-cost high profile campaigns to meet its vision of eliminating the commercial sexual exploitation and abuse of children in Kenya.

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Background

The National Children's Council is a corporate body that was established in 1990 under the aegis of the Ministry of Women's Rights, Child Development and Family Welfare. Government departments and 72 non-government organisations or affiliate members work together on the protection and well-being of children.

Activities

The NCC continued in its efforts to raise awareness on the commercial sexual exploitation of children. A report of its activities for the year was not received before going to press, but Secretariat staff were in contact with the council during the year and a new national awareness-raising campaign was being planned for May. The NCC was also making preparations ahead of UNICEF's withdrawal from the country to ensure the continuance of anti-CSEC activities and work on the implementation of a National Plan of Action.

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Background

Rede da Criança is a network of non-government organisations working in defence of children's rights. It was officially recognised as a national NGO by the Ministry of Justice in 1999. Rede da Criança works to improve the impact of organisations working with children in difficult circumstances to provide basic services, to defend their rights, to promote their reintegration into the community and to prevent them from taking to the streets.

Activities

Rede Da Crianca, the lead organisation for the Southern Africa region as well as Mozambique, continues to have some difficulty coordinating the agencies within the coalition. While it did not submit a report of its activities for the year, Rede Da Crianca is working as a partner organisation in the Southern Africa Youth Partnership Project for Victims of Trafficking for Sexual Purposes. The project involves strengthening the capacity of young people for peer counselling, lobbying and advocacy, as well as training of legislative and law enforcement authorities. The organisations five-year strategic plan was expected to begin in 2003.

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Background

The Women's Consortium of Nigeria is a non-governmental, not-for-profit, non-partisan and non-religious organisation committed to the enforcement of the rights of women and children and the attainment of equality, development and peace.

Recent Activities

WOCON's recent activities focused on a project to withdraw child domestic servants and child prostitutes and reintegrate them back into the community. The project, financially supported by ILO-IPEC, saw 262 children withdrawn and sent to schools or vocational training. Many of these young people received basic literacy education at one of WOCON's 13 centres in Lagos.

The project included running a sensitisation programme in the rural border-town community of Shaki, in Oyo State, from where children are sourced for domestic work, as well as Lagos, the main destination for child labourers or those engaged in prostitution.

In October 2002, WOCON held a workshop for the training of trainers of NGO staff and law enforcement officers on human trafficking and human rights standards for trafficking victims. This project was done in collaboration with Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women (GAATW).

The annual ECPAT report on the Implementation of the Agenda for Action was launched at a press conference in January 2003 and attended by an

audience of representatives of the media, government, NGOs, UNICEF and the International Organization for Migration, (IOM) as well as traditional rulers, market women, young people, lawyers and magistrates.

In July 2003, WOCON conducted a sensitisation campaign in the rural community of Ajegunle, a border town in Ogun State. At a market and motor park outreach, town criers, posters, leaflets, tee shirts and pens with campaign slogans advocated the prevention of child labour and child trafficking. Newsletters, brochures and leaflets were produced for other sensitization campaigns.

WOCON facilitated and participated in the first Nigerian children summit session on the commercial sexual exploitation of children and trafficking, held in Abuja in September.

Planned Activities

Awareness-raising programmes will be held in selected communities in six zones of Nigeria prone to commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking, as part of an intensive campaign against internal trafficking and the commercial sexual abuse of children in domestic work and prostitution.

WOCON will participate as a member of the organising committee in planning for the Fourth African Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, to be held in Enugu, Nigeria, in March 2004. The theme of the conference is Child Trafficking: Challenge to Child Protection in Africa.

WAO-Afrique

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WAO-Afrique is the African branch of WAO, a Belgian-based NGO. WAO-Afrique was founded in 1985 and was officially registered and recognised by the Togolese authorities in 1990. It has observer status with the African Commission on Human and People's Rights.

The organisation's general aims and objectives are to promote and protect the rights of children; to help enhance the capacity of NGOs working to defend children's rights; to initiate and carry out research on the violation of children's rights; to assist in legislative reforms on children's rights; to promote and reinforce peace and stability; to help promote education on children's rights; to engage the wider society in the fight against the exploitation of children; and to defend and promote socio-economic rights.

Recent Activities

This year activities were based upon two main axes, namely the activities conducted by WAO and the national activities.

On the national level, approximately 400 children victims of trafficking were reintegrated into their families. Many traffickers were arrested and very recently, a women and children trafficking network to Europe was dismantled.

WAO, on its side, conducted various activities. Awareness and sensitisation campaigns about children rights, trafficking and CSEC resumed. The group also helped to issue more than 200 birth certificates to children from underprivileged regions in the plateau region of

the country, since these children are potential victims for abuse and trafficking of all sorts. Training contracts were issued to 37 young girls from underprivileged environments, in order to help them to learn a vocation. Micro-credit activities sponsored more than 50 mothers of children who have been exploited in order to insure an income to these families.

Also, a seminar on trafficking of children and women was organised for government institutions, international organisations, civil society groups, religious groups, unions and the media.

Three training sessions about the rights of a child were organised for the Togolese Army training officers and instructors, and two training sessions about the protection of a child before, during and after a conflict were provided to military contingents of the Togolese army taking part to peacekeeping missions in Ivory Coast and Liberia.

Planned Activities

A methodological guide will be published on effective and accurate data collecting with regards to CSEC, while actual studies will take place on the issue in Togo. Based on the information gathered advocacy activities will address these issues with government representatives. In parallel, an awareness campaign will sensitise the public and the media in order to mobilise communities in the fight against this CSEC.

Training of military personnel with regards to the rights of a child will continue, focusing this time on junior officers in the Togolese army because of their mobility.

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ECPAT-Uganda is a five-member coalition that was established in 2002. Uganda Child Rights NGO Network links various child-focused organisations in terms of advocacy at the national level and capacity building. Hope After Rape offers psychosocial support to survivors of sexual abuse and gendered violence. Slum Aid Project provides support to impoverished families. African Network for the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect advocates for children's rights. Uganda Youth Development Link provides support to children who are affected by substance abuse.

Since June 2003, the ECPAT Uganda coalition has been coordinated by the Uganda Child Rights NGO Network. UCRNN is a network of more than 60 child-focused organisations that engage in direct programme implementation and service delivery throughout Uganda.

Recent Activities

Much of ECPAT Uganda's activities revolve around its own organisational planning and structure. Regular planning meetings for the network continued to take

place on a monthly basis. During which a number of issues were discussed including the proposed structure of ECPAT-Uganda, registration and membership recruitment.

A meeting to review the second draft of the National Action Plan on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation was held in May 2003. This meeting brought together stakeholders including ECPAT-Uganda members, government officials and representatives from other NGOs to discuss and feed into the draft document. The activity was steered by the ministry officials with support from ECPAT-Uganda. The third draft of the document was submitted to the ministry for further scrutiny. We await their comments, which will be incorporated and later forwarded to the permanent secretary and consequently the minister for approval and launching.

Planned Activities

While many challenges have been faced, over the next year ECPAT Uganda plans to continue to recruit more members into the network, develop information material about the network, network with other stakeholders dealing with CSEC issues locally, regionally and internationally, identify potential donor partners and continue with the registration process.

Children in Need Network

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Background

Children in Need Network seeks to address the needs of orphans and vulnerable children and acts as Zambia's national reference group on child abuse. The coalition's mission is to strengthen the ability of families and communities to protect and promote the welfare of children in Zambia through developing and sustaining a network of NGOs, community-based organisations and government departments.

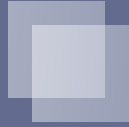
Recent Activities

CHIN expanded during the year to include 20 new member organisations, bringing its total membership to 82 groups. A report of activities was not received before going to press, but the network continued to run

awareness-raising campaigns and training programmes through various workshops attended by participants from throughout the country. Work also began on a study commissioned by CHIN to research and document successful and sustainable examples of community-based care programmes for orphans.

Planned activities include work with street children through participatory exercises and an exploration of issues concerning drug use and sexual health. Regional training courses will be aimed at improving project management and planning at member organisations, as well as developing community mobilisation strategies. A small projects fund is intended to enhance the operations of member organisations and support the rehabilitation of abused children. A data bank of child-focused development organisations is planned in order to enhance information sharing.

ECPAT Network in



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Background

In the recent years, substantial changes have taken place in Brazil in regards to the fight of commercial sexual exploitation of children as well as the frameworks in which relevant groups coordinate their programmes. A National Committee to Combat Sexual Violence against Children and Adolescents was created in 2002 as a permanent national association composed of civil society, governmental, non-governmental and international organisations representatives. They are working together in order to monitor the implementation of the National Plan of Action to Combat Sexual Violence against Children and Adolescents.

Member organisations of the original ECPAT Brazil coalition are actively involved in the work of this National Committee. A restructuring of this ECPAT group is underway in order to expand its membership and provide greater support to the Committee's initiatives. The Centro de Defesa da Criança e do Adolescente da Bahia (CEDECA/BA) continues to serve as the Executive Secretary of ECPAT Brazil's Coalition. Centro de Referência, Estudos e Ações sobre Crianças e Adolescentes (CECRIA), also a member of ECPAT Brazil, was elected as the General Coordinator of the National Committee.

Recent Activities

Following a series of regional meetings seminars and conferences throughout the autumn of 2002, the Executive Secretary body of the National Committee was created in December 2002. This phase led to the construction of the working plan for 2003, paving the way for a national meeting information management on the commercial sexual exploitation of children earlier this year.

The First International Conference about Child Pornography on the Internet was organised in Salvador, Bahia by CEDECA-BA.

The National Day of Combat against the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents was recently created to take place every year on the 18th of May. Following discussions between civil society groups, many activities are carried out nationwide on this day with the aim to mobilize and sensitize the Brazilian society to the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Furthermore, research was undertaken in part by CECRIA during the last year on the flow of trafficking of children in the five different regions of the country, as well as the various social, political, economical and legislative categorisations of trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual purposes.

Planned Activities

During the coming year, the National Committee intends to strengthen its municipal and regional groups and to articulate the actions taken between neighbouring states. The National Committee also plans to undertake national awareness campaigns about the right to a healthy sexuality, and to augment the sensitisation of the Brazilian media, tourist industry and diplomatic rings to the commercial sexual exploitation of children. It also plans to facilitate access to the information collected by the various groups which take part to the National Committee. Finally, another national meeting regarding youth participation in the implementation process of the National Plan will be organised.

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Background

Beyond Borders was established in 1996 and has been an affiliate member of ECPAT since 1999. The ultimate goal of Beyond Borders is to assist in the creation of a functional international system of justice that is concerned with children's issues and offers youth the protection needed, regardless of nationality or citizenship. Lawyers and activists make up the board of Beyond Borders, and internationally respected individuals sit on an advisory board.

Objectives of the organisation include: lobbying the government for improved laws; teaching children and youth about their rights and how to utilise this knowledge; monitoring the sentencing of offenders found guilty of cross jurisdictional crimes against children; educating the public on the dangers of the Internet, and proposing practical ways to ensure that no child will be harmed via this medium; offering assistance through networking, communicating, and advocating for children who are crime victims or accused of crimes outside their own countries; raising awareness to the plight of children exploited in the sex trade and supporting initiatives to have them regarded not as criminals but as victims; researching and coordinating with agencies and organisations interested in creating an international criminal court, and who are also concerned with global justice for children.

Recent Activities

Beyond Borders sat on the CHILD FIND Manitoba Committee with the mandate to set up Canada's hotline (www.cybertip.ca). A third attempt to read a victim impact statement on behalf of the child victims in the child pornography collection of police officer Darryl Renton in Brantford, Ontario was not successful. However, national media attention helped further the goal of changing the societal view that child pornography is a victimless crime. Mark Hecht and Rosalind Prober were invited to appear before the Standing Committee of Justice and Human Rights in Ottawa, Canada on the

issue of Bill C 23, the National Sex Offender's Registry. Beyond Borders has won three prestigious awards and is increasingly called upon to speak out for sexually abused children. Beyond Borders launched the first annual Beyond Borders Media Awards hosted by the law firm of Booth, Dennehy, Ernst and Kelsch in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Awards will be presented on November 19, 2003 to coincide with International Prevention of Child Abuse Day. Beyond Borders launched a successful postcard campaign to have Canada's age of consent raised to 16.

UNICEF, Child Find Manitoba and Beyond Borders have begun discussions with the World Tourism Organization to implement a Code of Conduct for the travel industry.

Planned Activities

A third child focused fundraiser is being planned with children again playing a major role. Beyond Borders will have a new website and continues to produce a regular newsletter.

Beyond Borders continues to monitor cases across the country including the upcoming prosecution of John Robin Sharpe, a child pornography whose activities have weakened Canada's child pornography legislation by successfully challenging this legislation in the Supreme Court of Canada. Beyond Borders is working to again appear before the Standing Committee of Justice and Human Rights on the issue of Bill C 20, a bill which will impact on the majority of Canada's sexual abuse legislation and will attempt to make another victim impact statement for the children in the pornography collection of a Canadian charged with possessing exploitive images of boys.

One of Beyond Border's lawyers is working with other NGOs to establish trafficking legislation. Beyond Borders will continue to follow the National Sex Offender Registry and a case in Ontario challenging dangerous offender legislation. Finally, Beyond Borders continues to network with NGOs to establish an ECPAT Canada.

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In 1998, the National Group Against CSEC had its first meeting in Chile. In the past several years this group has evolved into a multi-sectorial group dedicated to supporting the fulfilment of the commitments taken on by the Chilean state through the Stockholm Agenda for Action. This group was instrumental in the creation of Chile's National Plan of Action against CSEC. In 2002, a coalition of groups who have been active in this national fight joined together to form ECPAT Chile.

This national group has participated in training workshops with police officials aimed at preventing CSEC. ECPAT Chile has held meeting with UNESCO Santiago to raise awareness about CSEC issues. The group is also an active participant in the Ministry of Justice Commission on Abuse and Sexual Abuse.

The NGO RAICES, a member of ECPAT Chile, has been providing direct support and rehabilitation services to child and adolescent victims of CSEC for the past three years, Under a project financed by the National Service for Minors (SENAME).

Recent Activities

ECPAT Chile was active in the debate surrounding the creation of a law to criminalize child pornography on the Internet, an effort which resulted in the establishment of a new anti-paedophilia law in September 2002. ECPAT Chile is also involved in lobbying for the creation of a protocol to improve legislation related CSEC, a debate which is still taking place in parliament.

Planned Activities

In October, the Ministry of Justice will sponsor a workshop on preventing sexual violence for institutions who work with children's issues.

ECPAT Colombia

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Fundación Renacer is a non-profit organisation that has been working with child victims of commercial sexual exploitation since 1988 by providing rehabilitation services, advice and support to child victims of commercial sexual exploitation. It works in Bogotá, Cartagena and Barranquilla and became part of the ECPAT network in 1998.

Recent Activities

Fundacion Renacer continues developing its program in order to reach juvenile victims of sexual exploitation and attend to them holistically. This includes individual and family counselling, healthcare, education, recreation, vocational training, advice in the street and houses (drop-in centre and long-stay home).

Aware of the need to prevent more children getting into this problem, Fundacion Renacer has been developing some strategies, such as working hand in hand with community leaders in detecting cases and training them on this issue; reaching schools to develop workshops with students and teachers to give them some skills to face the problem; encouraging young people to take a more participative role on decisions which concern them through education; and through the mass media, challenging people's beliefs that child victims of sexual exploitation are responsibility of the government or NGOs and inviting them to take a social position about the problem.

In the year 2002-2003, Fundacion Renacer has been working in partnership with regional governments, and national and international organisations to tackle this problem. Together with members of Fiscalia and

Procuraduria and sponsored by the Organización Internacional para las Migraciones (OIM), Fundacion Renacer has been running workshops with governmental staff at the national level on child sexual exploitation, trafficking and tribus urbanas (satanic groups and juvenile gangs).

In the last two years in Colombia, there has been an increase in legal resources to protect children who are victims of sexual exploitation and there is also a growing interest at the governmental level in using these resources. This has come about in part because of the lobbying that NGOs have undertaken over the years. Fundacion Renacer, as well as other organizations, is actually defining the guidelines and criteria for detecting child pornography sites on the Internet.

In Cartagena, a group of 40 teenagers from different social backgrounds (upper/lower class, students/non-students, victims and non-victims of sexual exploitation) lead the youth group of ECPAT Colombia, after their training as peer leaders on the issue. The young people from Renacer in Bogotá and Barranquilla are involved in the training and planning process. This was possible in Cartagena after developing a project with el Colegio del Cuerpo, which was supported by Unicef, el Convenio del Buen Trato and Fundacion Restrepo Barco.

Planned Activities

Fundacion Renacer is committed to supporting the ECPAT Colombia youth group in achieving its main aim of ending child sexual exploitation among their peers. It will continue looking for new strategies and alternative approaches to clinical intervention and emotional support for these children, and to working more effectively at the prevention level.

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Background

Paniamor was created in 1987 and is an independent, non-profit organisation of a technical and preventive nature. In September 2001, Paniamor became an affiliate member of the ECPAT network. By providing information, training and research services to key social and political actors in the field of child abuse and family violence prevention, engaging in policy advocacy and offering development services to adolescents in social disadvantage, Paniamor promotes social mobilisation on the issue of children's and adolescents rights.

Recent Activities

Paniamor operates three main programmes: Violence Prevention; Political Incidence; and Social Development.

The objective of the Violence Prevention Programme is to prevent violence committed against, and by, children and youth. Participants in these activities include children, adolescents, parents, the community, and professionals from the health, education, justice and law enforcement fields.

Paniamor is the Costa Rican partner of the Central American law enforcement and training project coordinated by ECPAT International and funded by the European Union and Ireland Aid.

The Political Incidence Programme seeks to promote the political, legislative and judicial conditions necessary to protect children. Under this programme, the International Center for Research and Information on the Rights of the Child (CIIDENA) was created in 1992. It has a documentation centre that compiles, processes and analyses specialised information about children, youth, and families. This information is then disseminated in Costa Rica and the larger region. A research coordination unit engages in research projects designed to generate input on the implementation of national and sectorial policies. The research addresses

issues that may negatively affect the rights of children and adolescents in the country.

In the Social Development Programme, PANIAMOR develops interventions that provide youth with opportunities for personal growth and social mobilisation as well as generate technologies that are shared with other institutions within and outside the country. It works to empower adolescents between the ages of 12 and 18 to exercise their rights and assume their responsibilities, while fostering their capacity to participate meaningfully in the construction of a better society. The programme's current interventions are of two natures, community-based and technology-based (www.tecnoclub.or.cr)

Planned Activities

Beginning in July 2003, Paniamor will expand its activities in the area of prevention of sexual tourism by launching a 2-year project directed at promoting the WTO-ECPAT initiative of the Code of Conduct to protect children and adolescents from commercial sexual exploitation related to travel and tourism. The project will be carried out in partnership with local tourism associations and the Ministry of Tourism. Funding of this initiative is being provided mainly by Fundecooperacion with additional contribution from the ILO-IPEC Program in Costa Rica.

Paniamor will be launching the TecnoBus, a new project to put state-of-the-art technology at the service of socially disadvantaged youth, to accompany their efforts to overcome poverty and exclusion and to exercise their rights and responsibilities as fully productive citizens. The TecnoBus will work in 20 underprivileged urban communities around San Jose and will operate under the supervision of Paniamor's TecnoClub. The initiative is funded by Fundacion CR-USA, a cooperation agency that promotes technical relations between Costa Rican and USA entities.

Paniamor will supervise the ECPAT International Central America law reform project.

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Casa Alianza is a non-profit organization dedicated to rehabilitate and defend street children in Central America. It is the Latin American branch of the New York based Covenant House. Founded in Guatemala in 1981, Casa Alianza expanded into Honduras and Mexico in 1986 and into Nicaragua in 1998. Casa Alianza monitors and cares for approximately 9000 street children each year.

Recent Activities

The new Costa Rican government administration and Casa Alianza agreed to join forces against commercial sexual exploitation of children and for the rights of children in general. Casa Alianza, in conjunction with the government's children's agency (known as the PANI), presented a diagnosis on the plight of street children. The report estimates that 1,500 children and adolescents are living on the streets in Costa Rica, putting them at great risk of exploitation, violence, crime and drugs. A further 147,000 children and adolescents are exploited through work; an estimated 3,000 children and adolescents are victims of sexual exploitation and a further 20,000 children spend their days on the streets but go 'home' at night.

The Minister of Children and Adolescents has said that the government is aware of the need for a national effort to end the exploitation of children, and that isolated action is useless. Thus, the government has sought alliances not just with Casa Alianza, but also with the U.S Embassy and the Ministries of Justice, Security and Education. Working arrangements with the government

have improved since the previous administration refused to acknowledge the gravity of the situation of the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

During the last year, Casa Alianza's Legal Aid Program filed a total of 426 of CSEC cases with the Special Prosecutor on Sex Crimes. Casa Alianza staff is working to develop a manual on the investigation of CSEC, a manual on human trafficking and another one on youth gangs.

After a nine month investigation, the Special Prosecutor on Sex Crimes and the Ministry of Public Security's Sex Crimes Unit moved on evidence collected by Casa Alianza and arrested five Costa Rican men in a sting operation. The five were eventually condemned to long jail sentences. Several Casa Alianza staff who worked to uncover the child abusers have received death threats.

Through several contacts made in the Costa Rican paedophile investigation and prosecution, Casa Alianza also infiltrated and dismantled a Chilean paedophile ring known as PAIDOS. Thanks to the formation of a unit against paedophiles by the Chilean Police, 18 paedophile rings have been shut down in Chile in the last year. No such investigative unit has been formed in the Costa Rican police force.

Casa Alianza also helped the authorities to arrest two US citizens on paedophilia and child pornography charges. One may eventually be the first ever extradition of a US citizen from the United States to Costa Rica. The Latin America Regional Office for Casa Alianza continues its Internet investigations and is monitoring various other paedophile groups in the Americas.

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Movimiento Para el Autodesarrollo Internacional de la Solidaridad (MAIS) is a non-profit organisation, founded in 1998 in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. It works with youth in especially difficult circumstances, as well as with their families. MAIS's priorities are to help the children stay in school, offer them respect, and prevent the abuse and mistreatment of children including child prostitution. MAIS also works with regional and national institutions to raise awareness about the sexual exploitation of children, and disseminates information about legislation to protect children.

Recent Activities

MAIS continued to create and support activities for children during the year, extending its awareness campaign against the commercial sexual exploitation of children and violence against children to more schools and collaborating with parents, teachers and community representatives. Its work also focused on integrating child protection and the promotion of human rights into activities conducted by and for the local population.

MAIS also concentrated on violence against children and the role of families in the cycle of violence. It continued to sponsor children in high-risk situations (children who are in school but doing poorly, victims of sexual abuse, and those who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation) by facilitating workshops and providing the children with support. Furthermore, MAIS helped facilitate the dialogue between the children involved in the programmes and their families.

A successful march against child abuse was conducted in April, with 400 people participating. Other activities included organised discussions centred on the theme of child participation as a right.

Planned Activities

In addition to its ongoing work with high-risk youth, MAIS intends to collaborate with national authorities in order to get funding for the implementation of the country's National Plan of Action against CSEC. Activities concerning communication, prevention and raising awareness in the tourism sector will continue.

MAIS will complete the elaboration of a project to prevent CSEC and raise awareness about it in campaigns in Sosua focused on the tourism industry, while also providing assistance to 150 children who have been commercially sexually exploited and 150 children in high-risk situations. This two-year pilot project will be conducted simultaneously with a similar ILO initiative in Boca Chica. MAIS will also play a leading role in a two-year project planned by the Ministry of Justice which focuses on child protection in Sosua and Puerto Plata.

A recent visit from Kinderrechtenhuis in Belgium to MAIS provided an opportunity for an experience-sharing exchange among youth. MAIS youth representatives will present the results of the recent exchange at a youth meeting in Belgium in October.

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ECPAT Guatemala works with governmental institutions and non-governmental institutions through a programme that involves research, prevention, training, advocacy, lobbying and monitoring. It works to raise awareness of commercial sexual exploitation of children among all sectors of Guatemalan society, governmental, non-governmental, religious, adults and children. In addition, it develops prevention activities, provides training to government officials, NGO staff and other social actors, reviews relevant legislation and mechanisms of justice administration and monitors their implementation.

Recent Activities

ECPAT Guatemala is one of the partners of the 3 year Central American law enforcement and training project coordinated by ECPAT International and funded by the European Union and Ireland Aid.

In the first stage, ECPAT Guatemala made a study of the legal framework, identified gaps and proposed a series of modifications to the Penal Code. These modifications were presented and discussed with various specialist groups and judicial officials before adoption. The project also sought to improve the ability of the police forces, immigration authorities and the justice system to deal with CESC issues.

In addition, ECPAT Guatemala, ILO and UNICEF in partnership with UNICEF Mexico organised the 'First Binacional Mexico-Guatemala Consultation on the Sexual Exploitation of Children. Government and non-government organisations took part in discussing problems of both countries. One result of the consultation was a document outlining procedures for development and implementation of the programme on the border between the two countries to direct efforts to combat the exploitation of children.

ECPAT Guatemala is also undertaking a lobbying and advocacy project with various government, non-government and political party sectors for changes to the penal code with respect to the sexual exploitation of children. This project is finance by Save the Children Norway.

Planned Activities

In the coming year, ECPAT Guatemala will meet with a representative of the European Union in Guatemala to discuss a project for investigating cases of sexual exploitation among young boys. This project will take place in the national capital, in Tecún Uman on the border with Mexico and at the Trifinio border area with El Salvador and Honduras.

In August 2003, ECPAT Guatemala will begin a project funded by ILO/IPEC for the care and reintegration of victims of exploitation. In this project, ECPAT Guatemala will coordinate three institutions to provide support and reintegration to child and youth victims of sexual exploitation. The objective is to help 175 children and youth between now and 2005.

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Background

ECPAT Mexico became an affiliate member of the ECPAT International network in December 2001. As a new member, one of the primary objectives has been to establish a network of people and institutions in Mexico dedicated to child welfare with whom they can collaborate and coordinate actions. Through these efforts, ECPAT established a partnership with the Network for Children's Rights, a significant step as this network is composed of 49 organizations from around Mexico, and over 400 worldwide.

Recent Activities

ECPAT Mexico is working towards establishing a national agenda for legal action to address the commercial sexual exploitation of children. During the last year, they were able to further connections within the network of organizations working for children's Rights, thus improving the network's capacity to advocate actions in public policy planning. The group also developed their lobbying strategy and their executing mechanisms.

ECPAT Mexico designed a guide on principles of applications in regards to the legislative material already in place in the country. This led to the publication of a book entitled 'Infancia Mexicana: Compromisos por Cumplir'. Meanwhile, the group continues its process of furthering its linkages to the Mexican civil society. They recently joined the Mexican Network of Civil Organizations Working Against Socially Distressing Situations.

In May 2003, ECPAT Mexico launched an awareness campaign against CSEC in the area of Merced in Mexico City, targeting various actors in the community from policemen to taxi drivers, children, merchants, soldiers, prostitutes, indigents, etc. Various public figures participated to the launch at which testimonial videos were projected and speeches were made. As well, materials were distributed on the rights of the child, as well as in advertising assorted posters sensitizing the population about CSEC issues and about initiatives taken to fight the problem.

As a part of its efforts to inform the public about CSEC, ECPAT Mexico conducted four interviews on the radio and television. Finally, the group participated in a seminar on social development organised by UCIEP Mexico and in a bi-national consultation between Mexico and Guatemala focusing specifically on CSEC, organised by UNICEF Mexico.

Planned Activities

ECPAT Mexico plans to build upon the work it has done in the past year. This includes bringing public attention to the issue of children's sexual exploitation, influencing the government to comply with commitments made at Stockholm and Yokohama, encouraging youth participation, and lobbying for legal changes to better combat CSEC.

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ECPAT Nicaragua is composed of a partnership between TESIS and Casa Alianza Nicaragua. It joined the ECPAT network in December 2001.

Recent Activities

TESIS facilitated 18 workshops in nine different municipalities about the impact of CSEC. They also facilitated five workshops to 147 Managua policemen with the objective of developing their awareness about CSEC as well as preventing sexual abuses from their part.

In a project supported by ECPAT International, the European Union and Island Aid TESIS completed a legal study on CSEC which was handed over to various representatives working in Nicaragua against CSEC during a public seminar in June 2003.

Casa Alianza is involved in providing legal, medical and psychological assistance to the children involved in prostitution as well as to their family. Furthermore, they coordinate the relations between the victims and the national police. Casa Alianza also offers legal assistance to victims of CSEC. This year, a North American has been

prosecuted for sexual exploitation, and another case was concluded with the incarceration in a man for 30 years of prison. Casa Alianza was involved in both lawsuits.

Over the course of the last year, Casa Alianza elaborated a document that re-evaluated the situation of CSEC in Nicaragua. This document was sent to the various government bodies in March 2003.

Casa Alianza and TESIS participated in two national forums against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, involving organizations from the public sector as well as civil society. A consensus was reached between all the organizations, thus leading to a common plan of action, in collaboration with the National Advisory Board on the Full Attention and Protection of Childhood and Adolescence (CONAPINA). Both organisations also participated in a technical meeting in preparation of the national plan of action against CSEC during the year.

Planned Activities

ECPAT Nicaragua will pursue its work in advocacy and counselling. The approval and the implementation of the National Plan of action is also a priority. In addition, both organisations will continue working on providing legal assistance to child victims of abuse and exploitation.

Luna Nueva

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Background

Luna Nueva, which was started in 1995 in Asunción, works for a world without violence against women and children. It is the only organisation in Paraguay that is working specifically on the issue of the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

They undertake this work by developing and implementing education, health, self-esteem, human rights and violence prevention programmes targeting children who are sexually exploited as well as adult sex workers.

Recent Activities

Luna Nueva continued its involvement against CSEC throughout daily visits in the street to meet women and children involved in prostitution and offer them medical education, legal advice and continuing support.

The health programme involves ongoing education for sex workers and the public about the use of health services, hygiene and self-care, birth control, reproductive health and sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS. Luna Nueva also runs a reference centre named La Casa, which provides services from informal education to psychological assistance.

Luna Nueva runs a shelter for up to 15 children who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation, providing medical and rehabilitative care, legal support, education

and recreation. At present, 60 girls are supervised by the group. They have so far contacted 284 prostituted youth in their different initiatives.

Luna Nueva facilitated workshops in their vocational training centre. The objective is to assist the youth sexually exploited in their personal development by giving them a professional experience to improve their capacities. In addition, five teenagers involved in the training centre are involved in the current process for the elaboration and the validation of the Plan of Action against Sexual Exploitation. Moreover, another three children involved in Luna Nueva took part this summer in the conception of the National Children Plan.

Luna Nueva is involved in an extensive network of local and national organisations. Moreover, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Global Fund for Children, La Secretaría de la Mujer of Paraguay, as well as three Spanish organisations are also financially involved in group's initiatives.

Planned Activities

Luna Nueva will continue its work providing outreach, education, health and counselling services to prostituted youth in Paraguay. Their participation in the 'Coordinadora por los Derechos de la Infancia y la Adolescencia' (CDIA) will continue as well as their involvement in the working group on CSEC to develop a national plan of action.

La Casa de Los Niños

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Background

Casa de los Niños became an ECPAT affiliate in February 2002 and has since concentrated its efforts on identifying and assisting at-risk children, sharing knowledge with the community, creating a network of groups to ensure the growth of the movement and capacity building.

Recent Activities

Casa de los Niños has actively participated in the elaboration of the National Plan of Action to Eliminate CSEC during 2002.

From 12th to 14th May 2003, with the support of the Embassy of Switzerland, Casa de los Niños coordinated the First International Conference on Crimes against Children. The Conference was addressed to the National Police and the members of the system of Justice and was attended by 270 participants during the three days of the activity. Conference attendees came from Switzerland, United States and Uruguay. Many subjects were addressed such as the treatment of children and aggressors, the problem of commercial child sexual exploitation, legal aspects of the problem and the syndrome of the battered child. Full coverage by the press ensured that the subject of CSEC was again in the media spotlight and more people became aware of it.

Planned Activities

In June, 2003 Casa de los Niños applied to the Fondo de las Américas for a subsidy to develop a Project of Prevention of CSEC among street children. If approved, the Project would reach out to 100 children and teenagers who live on the streets to prevent them from becoming involved in CSEC activities. The Project is scheduled to start in October 2003 and will run until October 2004.

Casa de los Niños continues to work with its existing treatment programs helping victims of CSEC. Recently, we have contacted the Children's Hospital in order to develop a more fluent communication and source of assistance for consultations on children and teenagers victims of CSEC.

It also works with the NGOs on a group activity to discuss the backlash phenomenon, and to develop strategies to optimize the coordinated work on the subject.

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Background

ECPAT USA, established in 1991, works to stop the involvement of Americans in the child sex trade. ECPAT USA has projects on child sex tourism, child trafficking and child sexual exploitation in the US. It responds to numerous requests for information from individuals and groups with a variety of backgrounds and interests wishing to learn more about the issue. The ECPAT USA office functions as a resource centre for researchers and others who wish to understand and stop the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Recent activities

In collaboration with another organization, ECPAT-USA is undertaking a large anti-trafficking campaign in New York City. The campaign provides training to law enforcement and community-based organizations, convenes a working group of law enforcement and community based organization personnel to design a protocol for the treatment of trafficking victims, and does outreach in three neighborhoods to try to identify and help trafficking victims. Materials have been developed in Korean, Chinese and Spanish to try to reach victims who are now eligible for services under a new U.S. trafficking law.

ECPAT-USA is currently preparing a report on case studies on trafficked children in the US in order to develop best practices for working with these most vulnerable of victims and continues to advocate for better services for child victims of trafficking. ECPAT-USA has also been pursuing funding to do a major research study on the health effects of prostituted children around the world.

Planned Activities

ECPAT-USA plans to expand its anti-trafficking campaign in New York City. Also ECPAT-USA will hold a vigil initiative by Arizonans for the Protection of Children at the end of September on the border between Arizona and Mexico about the problem of Americans who travel abroad to sexually exploit children. ECPAT-USA is working with the World Tourism Organization to introduce a travel industry Code of Conduct in the United States.

Sisters Offering Support

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Background

Sisters Offering Support (SOS) was founded in 1996 by a young woman formerly involved in commercial sexual exploitation, her sister and grandmother. SOS is peer-based, utilizing experienced individuals in organisational planning, decision-making, development and service provision.

The mission of the organisation is to support individuals affected by commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) by raising awareness through education, prevention, intervention, public policy reform and community collaboration. SOS focuses on the needs of survivors and their families with a multi-systemic approach by providing programs, transitional options and a support network for all stages of recovery. SOS encourages healthy behavioral changes that promote an empowered lifestyle and strives to affect systematic and public policy change to empower and protect children from CSEC. SOS works in collaboration with criminal justice agencies and existing social services to help youth avoid recruitment into the sex trade and to help individuals to escape the abusive lifestyle.

SOS programmes include a drop-in centre that offers a comprehensive continuum of services to sexually exploited individuals or those immediately at risk; a structured six-week exit programme that helps participants develop alternatives to prostitution through education, counseling, role playing and other techniques; a Parent Support Group for parents

with children who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation; a 24-Hour Crisis Line which provides counseling assistance and crisis intervention to exploited individuals; and a Youth Prevention Programme geared towards increasing awareness among youth about commercial sexual exploitation, the dangers involved in prostitution, recognising common recruitment tactics and how to stay safe.

Recent Activities

Two new programmes were developed and implemented: a CSE Recovery Support Group for those out of the sex trade and coping with lifestyle changes, and Community Prevention Presentations for community education to increase the capacity of agencies concerned with commercial sexual exploitation. These programmes provide services and information to exploited individuals and community members to help reduce the levels of recruitment into the sex trade.

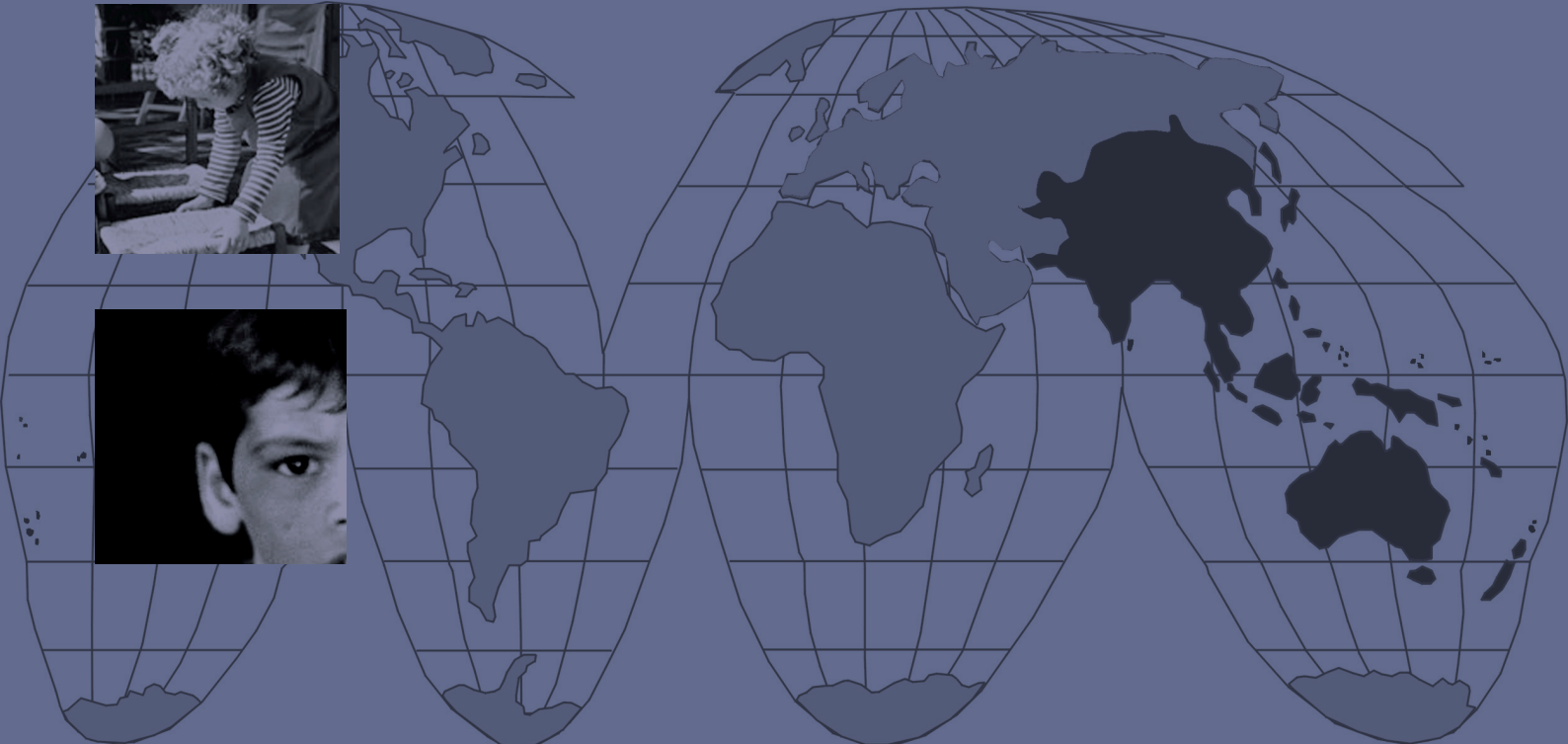
New efforts have included further outreach to incarcerated youth and adults, identifying potential partnership opportunities with other community agencies and establishing new collaborations.

Planned Activities

SOS will continue to enhance and strengthen existing programmes.

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Background

Known prior to 2001 as ECPAT Australia, Child Wise is a not-for-profit organisation working to end the sexual exploitation and abuse of children in Australia and overseas. Its work includes providing help, support, advice and resources to individuals and organisations, developing and delivering child protection education and training programs and working with communities and governments to identify strategies to combat child sexual exploitation and abuse.

Recent Activities

Child Wise is actively involved in the fight against child sex tourism. To this end, it recently expanded the Child Wise Tourism Training Program. We now deliver Child Wise Tourism training and train the trainer workshops in 7 countries in South-East Asia: Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Burma, the Philippines, Indonesia and Vietnam. Child Wise also coordinates a Think Tank which brings together the Government Tourist Authorities from each of the 7 countries to share experiences and identify strategies that could be implemented in combating the sexual abuse of children in tourism. In Australia Child Wise runs the Travel With Care anti child sex tourism national education campaign in which information promoting the child sex tourism law is developed and disseminated through travel agents, airports and other travel outlets. Child Wise regularly monitors cases of Australians who have been prosecuted for committing sexual crimes against children overseas as a result of this campaign.

In addition to the Child Wise Tourism Programme, Child Wise has been delivering the innovative Choose With Care programme in Australia and overseas. The program is primarily focused on organisations working with children and assists them develop policies and procedures to prevent abuse to children in their care.

Child Wise actively monitors and research the involvement of young people in prostitution, having conducted three research projects into young people and sex work in Australia since 1998. In 2002 Child Wise has been preparing for the next research project which will investigate the views of young people involved in prostitution. The research will directly interview the young people to gain their views and forward this information to governments to help develop a policy framework. We are also closely monitoring the sex trafficking of women and children into Australia and working with the Federal Government on developing strategies to assist the women.

Planned Activities

Child Wise will continue to expand its Child Wise Tourism, Choose With Care and Travel With Care and will be expanding this education and training and developing new resources. We will also be conducting research into child sex tourism in Bali and young people in prostitution in Australia. We will be launching a new anti child sex tourism campaign called "Don't let child abuse travel" in 2003 which will involve posters, postcard campaigns and a television advertisement. Child Wise is also working on strategies for child participation and is currently planning a children's checklist for organisations working with children.

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Background

Established in 1989, the Association for Community Development is a local NGO in a northern-eastern border area of Bangladesh. ACD's work focuses on issues related to trafficking in women and children and their sexual exploitation.

Activities

Despite a lack of adequate facilities for its programmes, ACD provides services for adult and child victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation. ACD seeks to mobilise local resources while also sensitising local communities to the impacts of trafficking as well as other human rights issues. It is also involved in programmes for the repatriation and rehabilitation of trafficked women and children.

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Background

Established in 1986, ASK is a human rights and legal aid organisation with twenty-five member organisations. Activities are directed to awareness raising about human rights and legal issues; advocacy on reform of repressive and discriminatory laws; and the provision of legal aid.

Recent Activities

ASK's work against CSEC during the year has included sheltering 191 sexually abused children, who were taken into ASK's protective care during the hearing of legal matters. As well, ASK has conducted research for a manuscript on the sexual abuse of children, which will offer a qualitative assessment on the health needs of children and the availability of services in Bangladesh.

ASK's Child Rights Unit has formed a rapid action network committee that includes INCIDIN Bangladesh, Breaking the Silence, Aparajeyo Bangladesh and Chinnomul Shishu Kishar Sanghtha. Drop-in centres were established for child domestic workers. ASK also

plans to open such a centre for children of prostitutes, in cooperation with Durbar, an organisation run by prostitutes.

ASK's psychosocial helper participated in a five-week training for trainers programme on psychosocial protection and care, organised by UNICEF Bangladesh and the Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs. ASK has been running psychosocial counselling courses for personnel from other organisations and now it is hoped that ASK will soon coordinate a Diploma Degree on Psychosocial Counselling in collaboration with institutions in southern India. Implementation of the initiative depends on government cooperation.

A petition was made to the Government to oppose the eviction of brothel occupants in Narayanganj. The Government has filed an appeal against the petition. Legal activities include dealing with cases of violence against women engaged in prostitution. These cases are referred to ASK by Songhati, an organised effort to protect the rights of prostitutes of which ASK is a member. ASK is also a member of the Bangladesh counter-trafficking thematic group organised by the International Organization for Migration.

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Background

ECPAT Cambodia is a group of 31 NGOs working to prevent child prostitution, abuse, exploitation and trafficking in Cambodia. It has been an affiliate member of ECPAT since September 2000.

Recent Activities

In August 2002, ECPAT Cambodia organised a workshop to raise awareness and understanding on the roles and responsibilities of the media against trafficking and sexual exploitation of children. The 2-day workshop was attended by 66 national and international journalists.

In October 2002, ECPAT Cambodia organised a network workshop to seek out new strategies for implementing work plans. ECPAT Cambodia also organises monthly meetings to share experience and provide mutual support to network members

ECPAT-Cambodia's membership has increased from 28 to 31 organisations. In April, ECPAT Cambodia

held its annual meeting with members to present their achievements and work plan for the next year and to strengthen network activities contributing to the elimination of trafficking and sexual exploitation of children

AFESIP runs a rehabilitation, reintegration and monitoring programme for child victims in Cambodia. After receiving rehabilitation and vocational training such as sewing, cooking and hairdressing, child victims are reintegrated, with their consent, into their communities. AFESIP monitors this stage, paying attention to living conditions, health and other factors.

Three thousand copies of the group's newsletter was published and distributed in both English and Khmer.

Planned Activities

Information materials on CSEC, including a booklet and posters, as well as our newsletters, will be produced and distributed. A network meeting is to be held every month while a national workshop will assess progress in the implementation of national five-year plans against CSEC.

Against Child Abuse

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The mission of Against Child Abuse, which was founded in 1979, is to promote a caring and non-violent environment for the optimal growth of children. The organisation's objectives are to remove all forms of child abuse or neglect in Hong Kong and mainland China; to establish, maintain and support a professional service for abused or neglected children; and to promote awareness among the wider public about child abuse in order to prevent it.

Recent Activities

Against Child Abuse organised and participated in numerous projects and events throughout the year. These included participation in the UNCRC's Child Ambassador joint project with the Hong Kong Committee on Children's Rights and UNICEF. Other prevention activities included programmes focused on domestic helpers, a home visiting programme, a good mother networking project, the Child Safety Ambassador Project

2002 and an education project for parents in several districts. ACA also ran various training programmes on child protection, awareness-raising and information dissemination on child sexual abuse, and the Internet.

In line with ACA's intention to push for a fundamental change in attitudes about child protection and to advocate for a more coherent set of policies and legislation, the group provided recommendations to a Hong Kong Legislative Council committee on preventing child pornography, while also urging that the minimum age of criminal responsibility be raised from seven to 14. At the same time, Internet safety and child protection among school children was the focus of a newly commissioned study. Meanwhile, ACA continued to advocate for improved measures to protect children through its membership on the Government's Committee on Child Abuse.

Various publicity and fundraising efforts included a concert by the NOVA Hong Kong Women's Choir in May, a walkathon in December and participation in a special dinner event for legal professionals in November.

Child Relief and You

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Background

Child Relief and You (CRY) was founded in 1979 as a non-profit trust. It provides financial and non-financial support to child development initiatives implemented by individuals and organisations working with vulnerable children and women.

Activities

CRY has supported various activities in the field of education and general health for children. It supports

vocational training for children aged over 14 in various trades, depending on the potential of the child and market demands or needs. CRY also supports self-help and empowerment programmes within the community. The organisation maintains a documentation centre with books, periodicals and audio visual material on street children, working children, bonded child labourers, children of commercial sex workers and prostituted children. While ECPAT International did not receive an update of CRY's activities for this reporting period, the organisation continued to support and promote ongoing community-based activities, including participation in a campaign to promote Girl Child Day in September.

Indian Committee of Youth Organisations

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The ICYO is a national youth coordinating network of 348 organisations spread across India. It helps young people to make their voices heard at a national and international level and focuses on capacity building for organisations managed by young people or working with young people. It specifically aims to strengthen NGO activities aimed at preventing sexual abuse and exploitation of children and providing improved services for those who are abused and exploited.

Recent Activities

The ICYO's Samarth project to promote youth activism against CSEC proved very successful and a Youth Network Against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation has been set up to enlist the help of youth leaders in passing on information to their communities about the trafficking and sexual abuse and exploitation of children, especially from within India's poorest communities. The network's establishment follows three youth leadership workshops, attended by young participants from slums areas and resettlement colonies in and around New Delhi, and aimed at raising awareness and building capacity for youth counter-action against commercial sexual exploitation. The workshop's awareness-raising sessions dealt with adolescent growth, child sexual abuse and the psychosocial effect on victims, the role of community and youth leaders in preventing CSEC, the trafficking of girls for commercial sexual abuse, online risks, and pornography and its impact on poor urban communities. At the third workshop, key recommendations included pursuing the development of a network for young people who live in New Delhi's slums, using this network to kick off a community-based campaign, and campaigning against pornography in all media.

The ICYO also provided support for several initiatives organised by partners. These included the Anupam

Sadhana project, which provided psychosocial counselling and skills training to young people living in red light areas with the aim of helping children deal with severe emotional stress resulting from, among other things, stigmatisation, domestic violence and substance abuse. Another project, Sandesh, aimed to raise awareness among voluntary organisations about CSEC and its magnitude. To this end, a Hindi language information kit was being prepared.

Research was conducted on pornography, focusing on the role of cable television operators and Internet pornography. The findings indicate that cable TV operators are the main purveyors of pornography in poorer communities, with X-rated movies being shown late night at least once a week. The ICYO harbours serious concerns about the link between this and rising anti-social behaviour, especially as it affects children and young people.

Another workshop in New Delhi focused on educating young people about the human rights aspects of trafficking in people. Entitled 'Sex Trafficking: Crime Against Humanity', the workshop emphasised that trafficking was a violation of human rights and that prevention measures should include ensuring that local clubs and groups performed certain duties such as maintaining records of births, school admissions and missing children.

Planned Activities

Strengthening the new anti-trafficking youth network is a major objective in the year ahead. Other related activities include running a series of training workshops to continue capacity-building for young people helping to fight CSEC and also organising a National Consultation on Youth Participation on CSEC and Sex Trafficking in New Delhi at the end of 2003.

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Prerana has been working for the rights, protection, welfare and development of victims of commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking since 1986. The organisation began its operations in the Kamathipura red light area of Mumbai, the largest red light district in the Indian subcontinent. It provides a wide spectrum of care services to victims of trafficking and prostitution, including those with HIV/AIDS. Its projects also focus on rescuing, rehabilitating and reintegrating child victims, and it runs programmes to help the children of sex workers avoid entering prostitution. Prerana coordinates the Network Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking (NACSET).

Activities

Prerana planned to begin a collaborative campaign with the Indian Government designed to counter sex tourism,

while also continuing its advocacy and lobbying work through the year. The organisation had also intended to consolidate NACSET and help to organise the collection of short films to raise awareness about CSEC issues, including child sex tourism. In addition, it hoped to coordinate the construction of a residential complex in New Bombay, for children vulnerable to trafficking. As well, Prerana aimed to take on public interest litigations in the Apex Court of India for redress against trafficking.

Prerana's ongoing projects and programmes include a night care centre that provides shelter and support for children; a project to assist children affected by AIDS; an anti-trafficking centre specialising in research, documentation, consultation and training; an institutional placement programme for victims of CSEC; and a programme for mothers of victims of CSEC.

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The core of Sanlaap's campaign against trafficking in women and girls for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation is to provide psychosocial rehabilitation of child victims of prostitution, whether they or their mothers are engaged in it. Interventions in Calcutta's red light areas are aimed at building access to communities where prostitutes live and providing services to such women and their children to ensure their access to education, health and protection from abuse and exploitation.

Sanlaap runs two homes for children rescued from, or vulnerable to, prostitution, a hostel for young working women, and a receiving centre for girls rescued from prostitution. The organisation also works with the Panchayats (local government bodies) in source areas for trafficking, developing systems and mechanisms to protect vulnerable women and children from being trafficked and to ensure safe passage for those migrating in search of work or because of marriage.

Recent Activities

A situational analysis was conducted on trafficking for sexual purposes and second-generation prostitution in Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar to assess the extent of trafficking to these areas and gauge the status of women in prostitution and their children. Following the dissemination of the findings, several community organisations have accepted Sanlaap's offer of training and capacity-building support for anti-trafficking measures. Other research in areas severely affected by sex trafficking, has led to the establishment of a Child Protection Unit. The project aims to provide vocational skills within a year to girls aged between 10 and 18 and living in extremely vulnerable conditions. Other studies included research into assess how tourism infrastructure supports the exploitation of children.

Sanlaap met with a group of young people, aged 14 to 16, who write for the youth sections of Calcutta's two major newspapers. The young writers showed interest in seeing the situation of child labourers and visited a red light area, where they interacted with children working in illegal liquor shops, regular food stalls and living on the streets.

The youth programme's peer support groups among the children of women in prostitution continue to meet regularly. The Kidderpore group has formed a working relationship with the local police to identify trafficked girls and older women who force children into prostitution. Sanlaap intends to support this group further so that its members can take control of situations as they arise in their area.

The success of Sanlaap's legal counselling centre at the Watgunge police station in Calcutta has increased demand for similar services at other police stations. Sanlaap continues to agitate for reform within the juvenile justice board. It has joined a network that aims to set minimum standards for quality of care in institutions for children. Sanlaap's legal aid wing also continues to pursue the speedy disposal of legal cases involving girls living under state custody.

Sneha is a home for girls rescued from prostitution, and the girl children of women engaged in prostitution who may be vulnerable to second-generation prostitution. The home aims to allow the girls to assess their situation while also dealing with various health issues.

Planned Activities

Sanlaap intends to lobby hard this year to raise awareness on the links between trafficking of children and women for sexual purposes and their vulnerability to HIV/AIDS.

The programmes on rehabilitation and child protection will continue in Sneha and the drop-in-centres as before, and efforts to build rapport with the community will continue. We will focus on empowerment of the youth of the red light areas, and encourage their participation of the development and management of programmes on child protection. The support groups with women in prostitution will continue, and we shall aim to continue motivating them to ensure that they continue supporting their children's education, ensure their safety and development.

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ECPAT Japan Kansai was established in 1992. The organisation works towards the elimination of commercial sexual exploitation of children in cooperation with ECPAT networks, other related organisations and concerned individuals within and outside Japan.

Activities

ECPAT Japan Kansai has been a national counterpart for the implementation of an ESCAP project on the "Elimination of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth in Asia and the Pacific". This project includes a public awareness raising campaign, and capacity building for personnel providing care to children. ECPAT Japan Kansai is responsible for publicising the ESCAP project, building the capacity of those who work with sexually abused children, collecting information about child sexual abuse and good practices in terms of prevention and treatment, and strengthening the network against child sexual abuse. ECPAT International did not receive an update of activities for this reporting period.

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Recent Activities

ECPAT STOP has been lobbying hard for amendments to Japan's 1999 law for protecting children and punishing acts related to child prostitution and child pornography. After holding a workshop to develop amendment proposals, ECPAT STOP was invited to present its views to the government's special committee and was able to submit its proposed changes. Earlier this year, a representative of ECPAT STOP Youth was invited to address the committee while ECPAT STOP also held seminars for parliamentarians.

ECPAT STOP joined other NGOs in developing a joint statement to push for the amendments. But while the statement was based on a STOP proposal, ensuring wide acceptability meant that some points had to be dropped. Nevertheless, the message remained strong and the statement was signed by more than 100 organisations and submitted to the Diet in March.

The amendment proposals were agreed upon and a new bill was presented in July 2003. The bill contains some of the joint statement's proposals, though some important issues were not taken up. For example, it deals only with criminal provisions. The bill is intended mainly to bring in tougher punishment for offenders and to respond to enforcement challenges. Importantly, it is proposed that the amended law will state its objective is "to protect the rights of the child", rather than "to contribute to protection of the rights of the child", as the current provision reads.

ECPAT STOP helped plan and participated in the Internet Association of Japan's two-day international workshop, "Children, Mobile Phones and the Internet Experts' Meeting" held in Tokyo in March. A highlight was a panel in which three high school students, all from ECPAT STOP Youth, discussed their use of mobile phones and presented their views. The workshop followed on from a workshop organised by the Internet Association of Japan (IAJ), ECPAT STOP and Childnet International at the Yokohama World Congress. Meanwhile, ECPAT STOP is working with the IAJ on preparing another initiative on this issue.

Planned Activities

The National PTA Council of Japan is preparing the second version of the CD-ROM package on Internet safety for children, which will include an updated version of the Japanese edition of 'Protecting Children Online: An ECPAT Guide'. 100,000 copies will be distributed to its members.

The group also plans to strengthen its relationship with the Japan Association of Travel Agents and to organise a campaign against child sex tourism.

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Background

The Street Children Committee is a Tokyo-based, volunteer-staffed, non-government organisation. Founded in 1998, it works to protect and provide care for street children across Asia. It aims to raise public awareness about the illegal trade of children for sexual purposes, to support efforts to end the trade, and to raise funds for organisations working with children through sponsored events and donations.

Recent Activities

The Street Children Committee held numerous fund raising events including a sold out black tie fund raising event called "Chef's Table" at The Tokyo American Club. All the chefs donated their time and solicited donors to provide for the food that they helped prepared.

The committee continued its support for various programmes in the Philippines, Vietnam, Mongolia and Cambodia and promoted other organisations in Japan that work with street children. It furthered its partnerships and networks, maintained its work in organising fundraising events, published its first newsletter and launched a website.

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Maiti Nepal was founded in 1993 with the aim of helping women and girls in need. The organisation is concerned with the welfare of those who have been, or are in danger of being, exploited through prostitution, infected with HIV, sexually or physically abused, abandoned, or whose guardians are in prison. Maiti Nepal works to prevent trafficking as well as to protect, rescue and rehabilitate survivors of trafficking and sexual exploitation. It also campaigns to build awareness and commitment to action among school and college students, parliamentarians, law enforcement agencies and NGOs. With headquarters in Kathmandu, Maiti Nepal has three prevention homes, nine transit homes and two rehabilitation homes.

Recent Activities

Maiti Nepal's prevention programmes have especially focused on reaching out to the community and girls and young women within geographically high-risk areas. These programmes aim to educate and warn girls about trafficking; they offer training in life skills to survivors and girls at risk, including income-generation training

and credit provision to help young people start up their own businesses. In the meantime, Maiti's home for girls with HIV/AIDS in Kakarvitta, on the border with India, provides medical care, good food and psychological support in the face of social alienation. Girls at the home were given education and vocational training to enable them to re-enter society.

Familiarisation and briefing sessions were run for 54 police inspectors and other law enforcement officers from the Nepal Police Academy. One session included police listening to the views of trafficking survivors. The participants also toured Maiti Nepal's new child protection and women's rehabilitation home.

As part of Maiti Nepal's ongoing awareness-raising campaign, a school essay competition was organised on the topic of "A Society Free Of Girl Trafficking", which was won by a local ninth grader. A rally against girl trafficking was organized and the participation of the local people was enthusiastic. Pamphlets and other awareness raising materials against girl trafficking were distributed to the community. Schoolteachers, students, representatives of the Nepal Police, social organizations, and clubs also participated.

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Since 1991, ECPAT New Zealand has maintained a national office in Auckland. Its main focus is to address the issue of the commercial sexual exploitation of children. ECPAT New Zealand plays an active political role in raising awareness among the public, government and related organisations on CSEC, as well as being specifically involved in projects concerning child prostitution, child pornography, child sex tourism, and the trafficking of children for sexual purposes.

Recent Activities

ECPAT New Zealand's main focus in 2002 was on Internet safety. The children's interactive website at www.cyberkidz.co.nz, which promotes internet safety principles, has been very successful with kids aged 12 and under. After nine months, the site had received more than 1 million visitors. Meanwhile, a lesson plan was developed for teachers and Internet safety pamphlets directed at parents were produced and circulated to all school children aged 12 and under (about 560,000 children). As well, an Internet Resource Kit was developed and launched by the Justice Minister to support the website and pamphlets. The kit has been distributed to community educators, libraries, local council "Safer Community" networks, and other key educators. Many schools have bought further pamphlets and kits. The group has also been involved in Internet safety education outreaches at major shopping areas, where families of many cultures congregate in the weekends.

Work was completed on the first stage of a three-part research project on the incidence and extent of child prostitution in NZ. The initial research reveals that counselling agencies and key organisations have evidence of underage prostitution occurring in every region of NZ. The second phase, now under way, is an

in-depth retrospective study targeting 16 to 20-year-olds to determine the circumstances of their first exchange of sex for goods or money, and how they became involved in commercial sexual activity. An analysis of all convictions for sex crimes against children in NZ from 1992 to 2000 shows that 79 per cent of all such crimes were committed against children aged under 16.

A High Court judge has ruled in favour of ECPAT NZ in its case against major television company TV3. The company had appealed against ECPAT's complaint to the NZ Broadcasting Standards Authority that TV3 had breached the privacy rights of children in Fiji alleged to be involved in prostitution.

In conjunction with the Censorship Compliance Unit, ECPAT NZ vigorously pursued a campaign to alert the media and wider public to the serious nature of Internet child pornography. Each time a criminal conviction was recorded on this issue, press statements would be sent out stressing that these offences were sex crimes against children, and not just censorship issues. ECPAT NZ believes this has helped the media, the public and judges to recognise the serious nature of these offences. The Justice Minister has announced that as a result of this campaign, greater penalties would be imposed.

Planned Activities

ECPAT NZ's main focus over the next year will be to establish a hotline in conjunction with the Censorship Compliance Unit, as well as to develop a partnership with an indigenous (Maori) literacy service provider to undertake internet safety education. The group also will begin to develop a tourism strategy, an area that has remained undeveloped in NZ for several years. It will enter into a memorandum of understanding with a new organisation, Stop Demand, set up to focus entirely on the demand aspects of CSEC. Longer term, it is envisaged that several strategies for the Pacific area will be developed.

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The Pakistan Paediatric Association is the representative body of paediatricians of Pakistan, with almost 1200 members throughout the country. The Child Rights and Abuse Committee is a core group of the association and has a mandate to promote and protect children's rights in Pakistan. It comprises members from all of the country's four provinces.

Recent Activities

During the year, Netsmart Rules for children and parents were compiled to educate communities about safety on the Internet, in collaboration with UNICEF and Save the Children.

The association organised the Sixth National Conference on Child Rights and Abuse, which was attended by 400

delegates. It also ran separate workshops to provide information and training on the management of child abuse.

A study was conducted on issues surrounding child protection in refugee and host communities in major urban areas of Pakistan, in collaboration with UNICEF.

Planned Activities

More workshops are planned for the year ahead, with one on Online Safety of Children, aimed at Internet Service Providers, and others on training for multidisciplinary professionals. More consultations will be held with Parliamentarians on the implementation of National Plans of Action against the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

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ECPAT Philippines has been operating since 1991, initially working in isolation because of the failure by the government and the public to recognise the commercial sexual exploitation of children as a serious concern. Since then, public awareness has been raised greatly and ECPAT has gained ground in its advocacy efforts all over the country. A regional office, known as ECPAT Cebu, was set up in the Visayas in response to growing concern for the child victims and survivors of sex tourism in Cebu and the neighbouring islands. It is expected that ECPAT Cebu will reach out to other parts of the Visayas and Mindanao.

Recent Activities

After much lobbying by ECPAT Philippines, the country has just recently passed an anti-trafficking law that seeks to guard the best interests of child survivors of trafficking. ECPAT Philippines has been the focal point of a national campaign against trafficking in children, which in turn is part of a regional campaign to fight trafficking in South-East Asia. The aim is to increase the awareness of the government, private sector, civil society and the general public on the issue. An information and education campaign is being conducted in communities, schools and institutions with the objective of establishing child protection networks.

A national strategic plan has been adopted by the Multisectoral Network Against Trafficking in Persons and in collaboration with UNICEF, ECPAT has initiated the formation of the Cebu Coalition Against Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes. A research study on trafficking in children in the Philippines is being conducted to provide data on the extent of child trafficking in selected high-risk areas.

The rescue of eight young girls required a combined effort on the part of ECPAT, law enforcement agencies, the Department of Tourism, the National Bureau of

Investigation and others. The girls are now being provided with medical, psychosocial, legal, educational support in the aim of ensuring their recovery and reintegration.

ECPAT has produced primers in English and Visayan on the commercial sexual exploitation of children. The primers are being used in various seminars and training programmes on children's rights and issues, and have also been distributed to other partners and agencies. As well, the Protecting Children Online booklet has been adapted to the Philippine context. The Justice Department's Special Committee for the Protection of Children, of which ECPAT Philippines is a member, has developed and published a programme for child protection.

Child Wise Tourism workshops and seminars have been conducted by ECPAT Philippines and the Department of Tourism in major tourist destinations. As well, programmes on law enforcement were conducted for the benefit of tourism police.

Tingog sa Kabataan, a weekly radio programme by children for children, continues to prove enormously popular, winning the Best Daily or Weekly Radio Programme (Provincial Category) Award in a contest sponsored by the Kapisanan ng Broadkaster sa Pilipinas and Unicef. Members also continue to participate actively in Kapihan sa Kabataan, a weekly discussion among young people and government officials about different issues affecting children, which is aired on television once a week.

Planned Activities

A consultation on trafficking in children identified three major concerns: to continue advocacy work on the anti-child trafficking bill; to develop core messages that are easily understood by people in communities from where most children are trafficked; and to establish a database for easier exchange of information and for purposes of law enforcement.

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PEACE was launched in 1989 against the commercial sexual exploitation and abuse of children by both local and foreign paedophiles. It has a 20 member Consultative Committee, a 5 member Core Committee, a network of Children's/Youth Clubs, and a host of volunteers carrying out its aims and objectives. Its objectives are to create awareness of the problem of sexual exploitation of children and child labour in Sri Lanka; to influence National Policy related to the protection of children; and to prevent children from being lured or forced into prostitution and hazardous employment. PEACE works in four Provinces intensively – the West, Central, Uva and North - and to a lesser extend in the Southern, North Central and North Western Provinces. PEACE stands for 'Protecting Environment And Children Everywhere'.

Recent Activities

PEACE provides educational services to 5 war orphanages in the Northern Frontier Town of Vavuniya and to children in three Refugee Camps there. PEACE has held awareness Raising Seminars in the deep hinterland of the country where research has shown rural children are being trafficked for CSEC in city locations.

PEACE supports arts and crafts, socio-drama programmes and sewing classes, not only for skills development but to address the trauma of children who are at risk of CSEC, particularly in Southern beach squatter suburbs of Colombo City.

Using the theme 'Grow Where You Are Planted', a series of leadership programmes were initiated for under-privileged youth resident in the beach squatter settlements and slums. This will also help build up the 'Pipena Kusum' (Blossoming Flowers) Youth Club Network of the PEACE Campaign, now established in 12 locations.

Planned Activities

All the above activities will be further intensified in the next year and it is specially planned. The vocation training / skills training will be extended to more youth to train them for employment / self-employment. Non-formal / informal education and spoken English will also be extended to more children and youth in the 12 locations where PEACE works.

PEACE also plans to extend legal monitoring of cases of child abuse by local and foreign paedophiles in the Sri Lankan High Courts, as resources permit.

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Before ECPAT Samoa was established in 1997, it was originally a steering committee, which evolved following a series of workshops conducted by ECPAT Australia in cooperation with AUSAid. Today, ECPAT Samoa is an independent organization, which operates by the goodwill of its members, who contribute financial support, their time and materials.

In 1999, ECPAT Samoa received full recognition by the government which supported ECPAT Samoa's goals and mission. The constitution of ECPAT Samoa was finalized by the Justice Department in 2001 and it includes provisions which address pornography, trafficking and sex tourism. It was approved by the Prime Minister and the Cabinet on the recommendation of the Attorney General.

Recent Activities

ECPAT Samoa works together with the Focal Point Group as key players to prevent CSEC in the country. ECPAT identifies CSEC through counselling, helping affected victims, supplying material needs, following up on progressive cases that come through ECPAT office and awareness training.

Using funds from Australia under the Small Grant Scheme, ECPAT Samoa undertook awareness raising activities including performing a 5-minute script and preparing pamphlets and a bookmark on verbal, physical and sexually abuse. ECPAT Samoa has also undertaken a media campaign on TV and radio, an advocacy campaign through mayors and women's committees in the community and an advocacy campaign through the National Councils of Churches.

Within the communities, ECPAT Samoa campaigned through women's committee, mayors of villages, pastors, youth and junior youth. It has been involved in training of women to recognise any suspicious cases that appear in their villages, and counselling training for both women and men and youth group. It helps them to deal with early pregnancy female, adoption of children and trafficking overseas.

To increase protection, ECPAT Samoa has lobbied the government, offered awareness training to parents and youth, and held national advocacy training on CSEC. ECPAT Samoa provides counselling for victims and families and works in partnership with the Health Department on our awareness programme. It also accommodates families and children in ECPAT members' house, supplies materials, and advises them on making handicrafts for their own personal needs.

In the area of child participation, ECPAT Samoa helps with a church youth group, provides support to children who drop out of school early, children from broken families, and children of victim families.

Planned Activities

In July 2003, ECPAT Samoa plans to hold training for caregivers on Savaii and Upolu Islands. In August, they are planning a drama competition for 10 schools on sexual abuse. During Teuila Week in September, when many tourists will be present, a media campaign project is planned. ECPAT Samoa will hold training for victim families in October, the same month as Children's Day in Samoa.

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ECPAT Taiwan was first established in May 1991 by a voluntary group concerned about the welfare of women and children. Today, the organization is composed of 49 individual and 6 group members working towards the prevention of child prostitution, the treatment of sexually exploited children and the general promotion of child welfare. Its activities include: the promotion of policy and legal reforms, social education, rehabilitation programs and promoting a greater understanding and awareness of the importance of protecting children.

Recent Activities

New activities during the year included attending the Second Taiwan Forum Against CSEC, which drew together social workers, police and academics from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Vietnam to discuss the trafficking of children for sexual purposes and related issues, laws, policies and strategies.

ECPAT Taiwan's Child Online Safety exhibition was attended by representatives of government, NGOs and the Internet industry. The Monster Online CD, sung by well-known Taiwanese singer 5566, was launched and distributed to elementary schools to be used as teaching material in music class.

ECPAT Taiwan has also been working on a career-exploring course with Hsin Chu Youth House. This involves giving youth exposure to work environments by organising visits to work places and offering orientation speeches during summer vacation.

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The Child Prostitution and Trafficking Prevention Project in Northern Thailand was established in 1998. The overall project objective is to provide children at risk with options to avoid entering the commercial sex industry. Originally operated by ECPAT International, it is now a project of an all-Thai foundation: The Foundation to End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes. Project's activities are managed by the foundation's coordinating office while local grassroots NGOs and GOs are implementing partners. ECPAT International continues to provide administrative and project management support. The coordinating office in Chiang Rai provides technical and information support to these organisations and monitors and evaluates project implementation.

Recent Activities

The Prevention Project comprises six implementing partners working at the community level. They run projects aimed at empowering women, children and communities, as well as school teachers, to fight the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Main activities include direct services to victims of commercial sexual exploitation and at-risk children; training workshops for teachers, children, community leaders and networking agencies; awareness-raising campaigns against CSEC via radio programmes and the wide distribution of information materials; and strengthening multidisciplinary networking among relevant agencies at the provincial and community level to protect and assist child victims.

The implementing partners are YMCA Bangkok Foundation, Baan Huay Krai School in Chiang Rai, Hill Area and Community Development Foundation in Chiang Rai, Makhampom Theatre Group, the Volunteer Group for Child Development in Chiang Rai, and the Centre for Network Development of Children and Community in Mae Hong Son.

ECPAT Network in



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Children - not for Abuse has been affiliated with the ECPAT network since 2000. The organization promotes children's rights in general and in particular it works to protect children from all kinds of exploitation (including sexual exploitation), physical and psychological violence, and cruelty. Activities are organized and carried out in schools and communities on the prevention of violence against children and adolescents. In addition, Children - not for Abuse publishes articles in the media concerning violence against children. In cooperation with different state institutions and public organizations, Children - not for Abuse assists in the training of specialists (i.e. teachers, psychologists, legal agencies and in health care institutions). Other activities include research, seminars and lectures, and round-tables concerning violence against children.

Recent Activities

Children – not for Abuse undertook research to determine teenagers' awareness of the problem of abuse and how often they are subject of abuse was carried out. Three hundred subjects took part in the research. It has also developed and carried out workshops for teenagers on trafficking prevention and employed role playing activities for teenagers during CSE prevention activities.

A number of awareness raising and advocacy activities have been undertaken. The group received grant from the IATP to develop and create a new web-site <http://nonviolence.iatp.by>. It has also created a leaflet for children entitled "Rules of Safe in Internet"; a booklet for adults called "Each Adults must know this" with articles of

Criminal Code on cruelty to children; and has developed and published a pocket calendar entitled "About Child's Rights". From 18-22 of November, Children – not for Abuse took part in the Week of Child's Rights in which they published a leaflet on the Convention on the Rights of the Child and another leaflet for the Day of Child on 20 November.

From December 2002 until the end of February 2003, it carried out its "World Fit for Children" activity which included workshops for children, teenagers, and specialists. For example, a workshop for parents called "What think adults about child rights?", and a poster competition, a round table and a drawing competition as part of a "World Fit for Children".

As a member of the NGO/UNISEF Regional Network for Children, Children – not for Abuse took part in development of a National Plan of Action, as well as 23 various conferences and training sessions including conference on trafficking of women.

Planned Activities

Children – not for Abuse intends to take part in the 9th ISPCAN Regional European Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Warsaw, Poland from 29-31 August 2003, as well as the Separated and Trafficked Children in the Baltic Sea Region Conference in Vilnius from the 14-16 September 2003.

Other plans are to prepare and carry out activities as part of the 10th birthday of the Republic of Belarus by producing leaflets for parents on Safety of Children on the Internet and activities for teachers in school in towns of Belarus to teach about child abuse.

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ECPAT Belgium was founded in 1994. It is a coalition of more than thirty NGOs working on the issue of human rights, child rights, and development issues. ECPAT-Belgium produces a quarterly newsletter and its resource centre is open to the public. ECPAT Belgium works around the following topics: CSEC and sex tourism; CSEC and trafficking of children; children at risk and youth participation; demand.

Recent Activities

A new partnership agreement with the Trafficking of Human Beings Unit of the Federal Police organised a training session for Belgian embassy personnel (extraterritoriality, sex tourism, etc). Following the training session, a conference is planned with NGOs, groups and officials interested in children's rights and the fight against sexual exploitation of children. ECPAT Belgium is also following-up extraterritoriality cases involving Belgians in Egypt, Thailand, Cambodia and Ghana.

A video on unaccompanied minors has been completed. A French translation of the script is finalized and ECPAT Belgium is seeking sponsors to create subtitles before presenting the video to the French speaking public.

ECPAT Belgium participated in the International Day against Child Labour (12 June) in partnership with Global March Belgium and ILO. ECPAT Belgium also participated in the second trafficking project of ECPAT Europe. Its twin partner is ECPAT Belarus.

Planned Activities

ECPAT Belgium has contacted the Dominican Republic to negotiate a project to develop a training program and public awareness campaign for police forces, judicial

personal and NGO's with 5 partners in Dominican Republic (Minister of Justice, national network of juvenile police, ECPAT MAIS, Caminante, CCDIF) as well with the Minister of Development. The project will be launched in September 2003 and a delegation of Belgian experts (judge, Child Focus, police officers) will participate.

With a trainee from tourism school ISALT, ECPAT Belgium plans to expand knowledge on the CSEC in Morocco as well as possible contacts for exchange program or campaign on sex tourism. A group of tourism and social work trainees from ISALT, Move ASBL (alternative tourism) and ECPAT Belgium will prepare an exchange programme with tourism students from European countries. Their aim is to combine their technical skills with ECPAT content.

ECPAT Belgium is organising a two-year exchange programme entitled Pijn Ombuigen tot Kracht (From Pain to Power) which will bring together young people in 4 countries in the South and 20 youngsters at risk from Belgium. During visits to ECPAT and Youth groups in the South, they will participate in their work and develop a training kit on each country visited. A one-year preparation program and several conferences are planned for 2003-2004.

ECPAT Belgium was contacted by the police, as well by NGOs to research cases of young Belgian girls seduced by eastern European boys to involve them in prostitution. Initial information has been collected and the next step is to see how to set up a prevention campaign in Belgium. A 6-month awareness campaign targeting the general public will be launched in September 2003. This will entail putting up posters in railway station, police posts, airports and embassies abroad.

Finally, a book on globalisation and commercial sexual exploitation of children based on the study of six countries (South Africa, Morocco, Colombia, Dominican Republic, USA and Belarus) is to be published in 2005.

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SNC has an agreement with New Bulgarian University to deliver specialized courses for child protection and prevention of child prostitution and trafficking for sexual purposes within the master and bachelor students' program. During 2003, students worked as volunteers at the SNC office supporting the SNC sociological research preventive and media campaign. Psychologists provide psychological and pedagogical consultations for children at risk, victims of sexual exploitation and their parents.

Recent Activities

Members of SNC participate in the Consultative group of International Organization for Migration which organizes activities against trafficking of girls and women for sexual purposes. The SNC presented training sessions using the IOM movie "Open Your Eyes" for children from specialized social homes and schools, teachers, school psychologists and social workers, and participates in work teams and workshops on the problems of prevention and counteraction child sexual exploitation. During the national seminars around the country, members share the ideas and good practices of ECPAT and international standards for combating CSEC.

Since February 2003, the SNC has worked with other NGOs on the "Reducing the risk of forced prostitution and trafficking of children from risk social groups in Russe City" project. Within the project, SNC undertook a preventive campaign "Child world without prostitution trafficking and exploitation".

SNC has undertaken research about the public awareness on the problems of child prostitution and trafficking among students, teachers and experts as well as collaborating with the IOM and MENEDEC Agency (Budapest) on research on unaccompanied minors as victims of sexual trafficking in Central Europe. SNC has presented seminars against child sexual trafficking and briefings against CSEC. It translated and distributed the ECPAT brochure "Questions and answers about the commercial sexual exploitation of children" among students, teachers and experts, as well as provided educational video-training among the same groups.

SNC has participated in working groups of the state agency for child protection to help develop a National Action Plan against commercial sexual exploitation of children. SNC input related to educational training, preventive and media campaign and information materials to support the prevention of different forms of CSEC.

The SNC chairperson was nominated as representative of national and international NGOs and participated in the International Conference of US Department of State about the Global Fight against Sex Trafficking, Washington, USA (2003).

Planned Activities

In 2003, SNC will organize a round table on the problems of sexual exploitation aimed at creating a national coalition against child prostitution and trafficking for sexual purposes. Governmental and non-governmental representatives are expected to take part. SNC plans to participate in preventive programs, trainings and materials with the State Agency for Child Protection programme as well as continue to work towards a National Action Plan against commercial sexual exploitation of children.

SNC will also develop a questionnaire, hold seminars, and create and distribute preventive materials against child sexual trafficking and forced prostitution as part of their "Child world without prostitution, trafficking and exploitation" awareness-raising campaign.

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The Ecumenical Network for Youth Action (ENYA) was established in 1995, and is a growing partnership of churches, related associations and NGOs. The membership and partner base comprises organisations and individuals in over 52 countries. ENYA began their work on commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth in 1998.

A project, "Out of the Shadows - Into the Rainbow", was developed and implemented under a programme addressing trafficking, forced prostitution and sexual abuse of children, youth and women in Eastern and Central Europe. The programme has since expanded and now includes interactive training seminars, prevention programmes and strategies for the establishment of independent "Lighthouse" youth homes. All programmes are co-managed in cooperation with young people living on the streets, Roma/Sinti young people and communities, survivors and youth living in state institutional care.

Recent Activities

Youth in institutional care, especially young Roma people, are the main target groups for ENYA's prevention and support programmes. In 2002, five interactive training events were conducted with a total of over 104 young people participating. ENYA is also developing peer to peer leadership programmes promoting the full inclusion on young people in the fight against CSEC.

ENYA has been working on the "Lighthouse" youth home project for the past 3 years. The project involves renovating a church and an adjoining building which will become a shelter for young people at-risk and victims of sexual violence. The shelter will be co-managed by young people and is expected to be up and running in the spring of 2004.

With regards to information dissemination, many materials are available in printed form and on the ENYA website. These include guides and annotated bibliographies of research into CSEC and related issues. ENYA also established an electronic forum and resource centre which is open to those working in this field, and continued the development of the Streetkids Forum.

Planned Activities

In addition to the ongoing work with the prevention programme and the "Lighthouse" project, ENYA will implement a number of events in the upcoming months: a training and strategy seminar with Roma youth and women focusing on Youth Peer Leadership training within the context of CSEC in Hungary in July 2004; a Roma/Sinti youth peer leadership training in Hungary in July; and, in October, a training seminar in Italy with a special emphasis on the situation of young women in Eastern/Central Europe and Roma women. Finally, ENYA will run another 'Youth Lighthouse Home Study and Work Camp' in August 2004. It is also hoped to make further progress with our web pages in expanding the resources available for those wishing to get involved in CSEC.

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Recent Activities

The Red Barnet Hotline is now in its fifth year of operation: it employs 3 people and receives over 500 referrals a month. It has been involved in many cases that have resulted in the arrest of sexual abusers using the Internet to abuse children. The best known of these cases was Operation Hamlet. Red Barnet has also been active in promoting safe use of the Internet through our website www.sikkerchat.dk which gives information to children and parents on how to be safe on the Internet. Special attention is given to chatrooms.

Red Barnet is currently undertaking research in the Baltic States. The objective is to find partners to operate a safe

house for children and young people at risk of being trafficked or returning from abroad after being abused. This report will be available in September 2003.

This year Red Barnet produced a new brochure in cooperation with 6 Danish tour operators. It received massive media attention and has been given out at airports and by the travel industry when sending tickets to customers. It continues to educate tour representatives from Kuoni and Apollo Travel at their representative school and maintains a good relationship with this company.

Planned Activities

In partnership with the Danish travel industry and with Denmark's largest long haul carrier, Alletiders Rejser, part of the Kuoni Group, Save the Children Denmark continues to fight child sex tourism through implementation of a Code of Conduct. The campaign is in response to increased volume of Danes who are traveling to destinations where children can be bought and sexually exploited. Danish tourists receive a small leaflet explaining the consequences of having sex with children, and encourage them to take action if they see anything suspicious.

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Background

The Tartu Child Support Center was established in August 1995 and has been registered as an NGO since December 1996. It was originally financed by the Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia, but since 1998 has been supported primarily by the Open Estonia Foundation. The organisation's mission is the prevention of domestic violence and child abuse in Estonia through raising awareness in the community. A multidisciplinary team including psychologists, paediatricians, social workers, a juvenile police officer, a prosecutor and an educator provide counselling and treatment for abused or exploited children, as well as their families. All consultations and treatment are confidential and free of charge, and there are services that specialise in offering support to trafficking victims. The team also offers ongoing training to professionals who are involved in children's issues. Staff at the Centre have published a book in Estonian on child maltreatment and translated a book on partnership with the police. Tartu has also worked to develop and extend collaboration with a network of children's rights organisations.

The Centre runs two projects, "Big Brother, Big Sister" and "Working with Street Children". The former identifies children living in situations of risk and trains volunteer support persons. Both the children and the support persons are supervised by Tartu. The projects aim to facilitate healthy development of at-risk children through one-to-one friendships and positive role models. The second project works with girls aged 10-18 with behavioural and emotional problems, and who are having difficulties in school. Some of these girls have been sexually abused and some are addicted to drugs or alcohol and most face a high risk of entering prostitution.

Recent Activities

Tartu has been providing abused children and their family members with psychological and social counseling and psychotherapy, including sexually abused children with

counseling and therapy. Tartu Child Support Centre's team runs group work in Kaagvere Special School for delinquent girls. Kaagvere is a residential care institution for girls that have behavioral problems or criminal backgrounds and cannot continue in ordinary school. Some of these girls have been trafficked.

Tartu Child Support Centre is a national coordinator of the Children's Unit of the Baltic States. Trafficking of children and youth is one of its priorities. Also, Tartu Child Support Centre has started to provide psychological help for individuals who have become victims of trafficking outside of Estonia. In this activity, they are collaborating with the International Migration Organization (IOM).

Tartu provided training sessions on the dangers of becoming victims of human trafficking in schools to a selected level of students at risk of becoming victims of human trafficking. Training sessions were offered in 22 different schools.

Tartu Child Support Centre participated in a research project, carried out as a joint study of ECPAT groups from East and West European countries. This research focused on human trafficking, and was based on interviewing different specialists. In June, Tartu participated in conference in Helsinki funded by USA Embassy in Helsinki and dedicated to the topic of human trafficking of children and youth. Tartu promotes human trafficking issues via mass media, in radio broadcasts and printed media.

Planned Activities

Tartu will continue to provide training sessions on child trafficking to schoolgirls, teachers, social workers and other specialists. Similar informative lectures have been provided also to the parents. This work is funded by World Childhood Foundation.

Tartu will continue ongoing work with the Ministry of Social Affairs for creating national policy of mental health by pursuing the establishment of an official database about child abuse, including child sexual abuse.

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The Mannerheim League for Child Welfare (MLL), ECPAT Finland, is a civic organisation that promotes the welfare of families with children. The Children's Ombudsman, a legal expert working on behalf of children and young people, is responsible for ECPAT Finland work. Activities include monitoring the decisions of the Stockholm Congress and reporting on the implementation of the Agenda for Action in Finland, campaigning against child sex tourism and lobbying to have child pornography banned in the country.

Recent Activities

ECPAT Finland operates a hotline that provides information and legal advice on child sex tourism, pedophilia, child pornography and child prostitution. The service is operated free of charge and is open to all everyone.

'Children and safe use of the Internet' is an EU-sponsored project which has been an ongoing activity for ECPAT Finland. Many parents have visited the website since it began in 1998. Cases of paedophilia on the Internet were reported to the Children's Ombudsman and were the subject of several television programmes and newspaper articles.

The Children's Ombudsman and an ECPAT Finland representative participated in writing materials for the Dot.Safe kit, and Internet safety kits produced by the Finnish National Board of Education and which was sent to all Finnish schools.

The brochure on the Code of Conduct 'Matkailun pimeä puoli - the Dark Side of the Tourism' was distributed to media and the ECPAT partners in connection with the new ECPAT report 2001-2002. In January 2003, ECPAT Finland received press coverage from The Finnish News Agency (STT) covered the release of ECPAT International's Boys Prostitution Escalating in Asia and several impressive news paper articles were published.

ECPAT Finland continues to lobby for improved legislation against commercial sexual exploitation of children. On 1 January 2003, a new law came into force which gives authorities the obligation to check the background of persons who will work with children. Consequently, several child molesters with convictions have been discovered when they applied for jobs in the child care sector. The Parliament has in February 2003 passed a law on public order which forbids to offer or to buy sexual services in public places. In its report handed over to the Minister of Justice in July 2003, a task force suggested that persons purchasing sex should be eligible for fines or prison up to six months. The maximum penalty for buying of sex from minors should also be raised, from the current six months to a year.

Planned Activities

As a part of the ECPAT Europe Law Enforcement project, ECPAT Finland coordinated research work on potential trafficking problems in Finland. The second part of this research will be carried out in the next year.

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Background

ECPAT France began as a campaign in 1992 and officially registered in 1996. Groupe Développement, the principal member, provides the resources to carry out the organisation's work. Its activities focus on preventing child sex tourism by raising awareness within the tourism industry, as well as that of the tourist, in partnership with the industry.

ECPAT France has produced a training module for students and teachers in tourism schools, as well as a leaflet aimed at tourism professionals, which has been distributed to industry agents. The group also produced an in-flight video, which since 1999 has been shown to international passengers on Air France flights, warning them of the penalties for engaging in sex with children. This very successful campaign has been extended to other airlines such as CORSAIR, AOM, Aérolyon and Finnair.

Extraterritorial legislation has also been a priority campaign focus for ECPAT France, which has tried to improve its application in Europe, in partnership with Juristes du Monde. As part of the ECPAT Europe Law Enforcement Group, it has assisted in the publication of a French version of the report Extraterritorial Legislation as a Tool to Combat Sexual Exploitation of Children.

ECPAT France has contributed to the research on trafficking in children for sexual purposes from eastern Europe to western Europe, led by the ECPAT Europe Law Enforcement Group.

Recent Activities

A strong new campaign against child sex tourism has been produced, incorporating posters, information leaflets, a new in-flight video and some inserts for magazines and the Internet. Many tourism professionals have already started to distribute the tools or have agreed to support the campaign, as have medical centres. There has been some television coverage.

In partnership with two other organisations, ECPAT France organised a programme for schools providing training in tourism and hospitality. Students from many schools participated in a competition to develop information and funding for anti-child sex tourism projects, and awards were handed out at the last World Tourism Fair in Paris.

ECPAT France is also translating into French the research on trafficking in children for sexual purposes from eastern Europe to western Europe.

Planned Activities

ECPAT France is seeking new contacts so it can distribute the materials for its latest campaign more widely. It will also work on a new programme to improve the application of France's extraterritorial law. As well, it will contribute to the second part of the research on trafficking from eastern Europe to western Europe.

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Background

ECPAT Germany is an alliance of 28 groups and institutions working for children's rights in Germany. The alliance works in the political, legal, economic and educational sectors in cooperation with government and non-government organisations. Since the First World Congress in 1996, its work has focused on public education and awareness of the commercial sexual exploitation of children, the development of prevention strategies, the protection of child victims, and implementation of a code of conduct to protect children from sexual exploitation in tourism.

Recent Activities

The group has developed guidelines for evaluating the tourism industry's code of conduct, together with the Department for Crime Prevention. The first report has been submitted and an update is in process. ECPAT Germany has cooperated closely with the police in running seminars and workshops to train tour guides and managers of German tour operators in Thailand, while also developing specific training activities for travel agencies geared to young people. As well, it maintained a stand at a tourism fair in Hannover.

Bilateral activities to stem trafficking in women and children from Estonia have been developed under the

slogan 'Good Journey', financed with help from the governments of Germany and Estonia. Together with ECPAT Estonia, leaflets were produced and targeted at young girls travelling abroad. Work has also continued on the German-Czech governmental group for the implementation of a bilateral agreement on crime prevention, including child prostitution and trafficking. A book is being produced with UNICEF on the commercial sexual exploitation of children at the Czech border.

Germany's government agreed on a new National Plan of Action, and since the Bundestag elections ECPAT Germany has been making contact with and lobbying new members of parliament and members of the new ministry.

A new information brochure on the sexual exploitation of children aims to inform people wanting more information on this problem and ECPAT Germany.

Planned Activities

The group plans a law enforcement project with P.E.A.C.E. in Sri Lanka, with a meeting now being organised between people engaged in the issue in Sri Lanka, elsewhere in Asia and within the German police force. Preparations are also being made for attendance at a tourism fair in Berlin while youth-related activities are being planned for Tallinn, Estonia.

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Background

ECPAT Ireland was established in 1998 by a small group of committed individuals. It currently consists of a loose grouping of concerned NGOs.

Recent Activities

ECPAT Ireland is affiliated to a national grouping of organizations named Ireland en Route (Forum on Trafficking of Women and Children for Sexual Exploitation), which seeks to identify Ireland's role in the trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of women and children.

As a member of Ireland en Route, ECPAT Ireland is involved in research into the commercial sexual exploitation of women and children in Ireland and to identify gaps in service provision. ECPAT Ireland seeks to influence national policy to develop strategies to identify and work with children and women who have been trafficked to Ireland for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation. It also lobbies to ensure that proposed legislation relating to transnational organized crime protects children and women and makes adequate provision for their care.

ECPAT Ireland raises awareness on the issues of commercial sexual exploitation through networking with NGOs, professional groups and child-protection agencies.

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Background

ECPAT Italy was established in 1994 and registered as a non-governmental organisation in 1998. It continues to work with a membership comprised of individuals committed to eliminating the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Recent Activities

ECPAT Italy has been active in child sex tourism projects including pilot-testing for the implementation of the Code of Conduct in the Dominican Republic; a workshop for journalists on CST; a seminar for the Dominican Republic consuls in Europe on CST; broadcasting of an Italian version of the spot "A child is not a souvenir" on national TV channels; and coordinating the "A child is not a souvenir" project for the prevention of CST, destined to 300 secondary schools of Rome.

ECPAT Italy took part as a partner in the "STOP-IT" project financed by EC and coordinated by "Save the Children – Italy" for the creation of the first Italian hotline against child pornography.

ECPAT Italy has been working closely international groups, taking part in expert missions for the Ministry for the Foreign Affairs to Thailand, Cambodia, Dominican Republic and Senegal. Working with AFESIP Cambodia, it coordinated publicity and organised a fundraising event in Italy for centres for victims of trafficking in Cambodia and helped with funding of an AFESIP Vietnam centre for the rehabilitation and social reintegration of the victims of trafficking in Ho Chi Min City.

In Italy, it has been lobbying for the modification of the Italian Law against CSEC, in particular Art. 16, presented guidelines for the reform of the juvenile justice and worked in cooperation with the police forces for the application of the extraterritorial legislation. In addition, ECPAT Italy was recognised as a 'parte civile' in a prosecution of a child sexual exploitation case. This was significant in that NGOs rarely receive legal recognition in judicial processes.

They also worked with the Italian NGO CTM-Lecce in the EC funded project, "Charter of fundamental rights of the European Union: to know in order to respect". In this project, ECPAT Italy focused on the issues of child rights, trafficking and immigration.

The ECPAT-Italy Youth Group was created at the Forlì University. The group has been promoting seminars on CSEC and other activities.

Planned Activities

ECPAT Italy will support a project in the northern Cambodia (Siem Reap) for the development of a new rehabilitation centre for children victims of trafficking and prostitution. The executive agency of the project will be AFESIP Cambodia.

ECPAT Italy also plans to fund the second stage of a project started last year in Vietnam in cooperation with AFESIP, regarding the identification and rehabilitation of children trafficked for the sex slavery. A rehabilitation centre near Ho Chi Minh City has been established and since January 2003, 9 girls have been sheltered in it.

ECPAT Italy will continue its awareness campaign on child sex tourism among students by expanding the project "A child is not a souvenir" to another Italian city. It will also continue our awareness campaign on child sex tourism for travellers, with the production and distribution of posters, luggage-tags, ticket-jackets, stickers to travel agencies and airports.

ECPAT Italy plans to develop a communication campaign to promote its mission against CSEC through advertisements in magazines and newspapers, a new TV ad and a radio spot. Also it plans to strengthen fund raising by holding auctions as well as strengthen the presence of ECPAT at a local level by creating a network of volunteers in different Italian cities. Finally, ECPAT Italy plans to obtain the recognition of the Italian Ministry for the Foreign Affairs as organization working in the field of education for development.

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Background

Family Care Centre Bulduri has been working since 1994 to provide protection to disabled, abused, orphaned or very poor children in Latvia and to raise awareness on the commercial sexual exploitation of children. In 1996, it started a rehabilitation programme for abused children who have suffered from different kinds of violence: physical, sexual, psychological and deprivation or neglect. The Family Care Centre opened a home for teenage mothers and their babies. The organization has also lobbied for changes in the legal procedure for reporting child abuse cases.

professional supervisor. Recently, staff took part in various seminars in Latvia as well as in Estonia, Russia, Belarus, Belgium.

Abused children attended individual consultations and take part in group meetings with highly specialized professionals who are license to work with abused children. The centre enjoys good co-operation with police, court and others in its efforts to decrease the level of violence in Latvia. Co-operation with BICE (International Catholic Child Bureau) has been successful and ongoing. In 2003, the license for the Family Care Centre to provide rehabilitative services was not renewed.

Recent Activities

In 2002, the Family Care Centre continued to operate as usual. The centre, with space for 11 – 14 children together with their attendants (parents, brothers or sisters etc.) provides rehabilitative services for abused children from 0 – 18 years old. Most abused children get help within 30 days although longer if necessary. The programme is supported by the state and is staffed by working psychologists, social workers, paediatrician and educators. All staff attend meetings taken by the

Planned Activities

Bulduri continues to work for the rights for abused children rehabilitation and to stimulate co-operation between centre and Ministry of Children and Family. Bulduri will also continue its co-operation with BICE to provide education and social opportunities to young people. Finally, it intends to take part in projects and seminars to improve staff education.

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Background

ECPAT Luxembourg was registered in 1995 as a non-profit association. It is composed of a small number of committed individuals who pool their expertise and their professional positions in the interest of combating commercial sexual exploitation of children. As Luxembourg is a very small country, and the government already fulfils its commitments under the Stockholm Agenda for Action, the group has concentrated its work on the campaign against child sex tourism, and on support to child focused NGOs who have shown a commitment to eliminating CSEC.

Recent Activities

Between November 2002 and March 2003, ECPAT Luxembourg and the Ministry of Family held a joint campaign on child sex tourism. The campaign received the support of the Justice Ministry, Luxair air travel company and Travel Agencies Syndicate. Eighty per cent of Luxembourg's population makes a long distance trip each year.

To support this campaign, an information leaflet in French and German was distributed at the Luxembourg airport, vaccinations centres, medical care centres, schools and travel agencies. A TV spot was developed in partnership with ECPAT France and RTL Television and three different radio tape messages in the local Luxembourg language were created and broadcast by the Luxembourg radios

on different aspects of child sex tourism: the effects on children, extraterritorial legislation, and the offenders.

ECPAT Luxembourg works on projects in developing countries. In Senegal, it undertook a project to evaluate the situation of commercial sexual exploitation of children and identify possible local organizations to support on their work. This project will be implemented in partnership with the NGO 'Pour le Sourire d'un enfant' and consist of psycho-social care, help at the minors in conflict with the law, a drop-in center in a tourist area and family reintegration of children as well as training for educators on CSEC issues and counselling.

In Mali it works on a project for medical care for street children in collaboration with the NGO 'Samu Social Mali'. This consists of a mobile clinic, a training program for educators and professionals and workshops on CSEC, drugs and psycho-social rehabilitation. Approximately 400 children have been helped through this program. ECPAT Luxembourg also works on a project with street children in India providing a home for school going children, a vocational training centre, infirmary and a counselling centre for psycho-social care.

Planned Activities

ECPAT Luxembourg is planning a joint campaign with the Family Ministry and Education Ministry in Luxembourg in schools for preventing CSEC. It is also planning development of a directory of Luxembourg NGO's that provide services to sexual abused and missing children.

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ECPAT-NL was established in 1995. Until the end of 2002 ECPAT-NL was a coalition of five organisations working on children's and human rights and one organisation working on sustainable tourism and development issues. As of 1 January 2003, ECPAT Netherlands merged into one organisation with Defence for Children International which was the project leader of the ECPAT Western Europe Trafficking project in 2001 and the ECPAT Europe Law Enforcement Group. ECPAT-NL is on the board of the Dutch Internet child pornography hotline, 'Meldpunt Kinderporno op internet'.

Recent Activities

ECPAT-NL took part in a discussion with Dutch politicians on the level of government responsibility for the behaviour of Dutch tourists abroad. As a result, ECPAT-NL is involved in a platform for sustainable outbound tourism with the Code of Conduct as an example of a tool for multi-stakeholder cooperation. ECPAT-NL also took part as an expert on an advisory committee for research into new destinations for child sex tourism. Results will be used to develop new policies to prevent sexual exploitation of children in tourism.

ECPAT-NL held lectures for students at training schools for tourism and recreation to create awareness on the relationship between tourism and the sexual exploitation of minors. ECPAT-NL held a contest for tourism students to write an action plan on how to contribute to the protection of children from prostitution in tourism. The 2003 winning plan consisted of a small pocket calendar, which will be distributed to clients of Dutch tour operators and will have the ECPAT logo and the text: 'Protect children from sexual exploitation'.

Two new information brochures have been released by ECPAT-NL in 2002. One contains general information on

sexual exploitation of children and the work of ECPAT-NL. The other was written for the tourism industry and deals with child sex tourism, the role of the tourism industry in the protection of children against sexual exploitation and activities and responsibilities of the tourism industry. ECPAT-NL continues to work with tour operators to adopt a Code of Conduct for tourism for the protection of children from CSEC. At the Annual Dutch Holiday Fair, ECPAT-NL distributed 11,000 brightly coloured luggage label containing tips for travellers.

ECPAT-NL and the organisation 'Codename Future' developed an information kit for secondary schools (12-18 years) on child abuse and CSEC which has been distributed to 100 schools all over the Netherlands. ECPAT-NL is active in a new working group to create a safe Internet environment for Children. Collaborators include NGOs, the Meldpunt hotline and several ISPs. The group is lobbying to set up a task force including Internet industry, government and NGO's.

ECPAT-NL is involved with a network of organisations working with child victims of prostitution. Research is being undertaken to see if there are possibilities for establishing a national expertise centre on minors in prostitution. ECPAT-NL continues to network to involve other NGOs and IGOs in lobbying for adequate measures against CSEC.

ECPAT-DCI Netherlands has started the Trafficking II project, 'Joint East West research project on trafficking in Children for Sexual Purposes in Europe: The Sending Countries'.

This is a follow up to the trafficking project in 2001. The project takes place in 8 Western European and 8 Eastern European countries and will be finished in December 2003. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has consulted ECPAT-NL for the subject of trafficking in minors.

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Recent Activities

In October 2002, ECPAT Norway launched a campaign against child sex tourism at a Nordic conference on child sex tourism and trafficking. Collaborators in the campaign include the main tour operators, government ministries and NGOs. A leaflet about sexual exploitation of children in tourism and containing guideline for travellers has been distributed with the tickets and placed at travel offices. The campaign got a lot of media coverage and positive response from the public. In June 2003 ECPAT Norway spoke on sexual exploitation of children in tourism at the PATA-Europe meeting (Pacific-Asian Tourist Association).

An information leaflet in Norwegian about ECPAT Norway was produced. Also the website has been updated and has now become a very important tool for students and others. Following an open information meeting on ECPAT and its work, many new organizations showed their interest in being part of the ECPAT Norway network.

Youth in ECPAT Norway are represented through PRESS which organised a seminar on the sexual exploitation of children last October and another in August. PRESS participated in two recent congresses, one in October at which PRESS took part in a panel debate and the second organised by The Support Centre Against Incest in March 2003 on the challenges facing young people growing up in an increasingly sexualized society. This

Congress was attended by the Queen of Norway and various departments and ministries.

The work against Internet related child sexual abuse is still an area of priority. A pamphlet on youth and the Internet as well as mouse pads, stickers and posters with guidelines on Internet safety were produced and distributed to every school in the country.

Following extensive work to change laws, the regulation of child pornography has been removed from the general pornography paragraph and placed with the other paragraphs regulating sexual exploitation of children. This means that child pornography can no longer be justified through comparison to adult pornography and that child pornography is documentation of sexual exploitation of children.

Planned Activities

ECPAT Norway will undertake a qualitative research project on how children and youth are using sex as a medium of exchange for material things or social relations. The research will be conducted on the Internet and in interviews with youth. A youth coordinator has been appointed to coordinate parallel youth activities with youth from the different organisations. The project will be finished by the summer of 2004.

In February 2003 the Norwegian government released an action plan on preventing trafficking of women and children. ECPAT Norway will continue to lobby hard to ensure that children need a special place in this action plan and that they are not just a "sub-group" under women. ECPAT Norway is part of the larger twinning project with Russia on trafficking in children in Eastern Europe.

ECPAT Norway is working with tour operators to continue its campaign against child sex tourism launched last year.

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Recent Activities

In partnership with IOM and General Department for Combating Organized Crime and Drugs, SCR provided counseling and reintegration services (psychological counseling, juridical counseling, social assistance, vocational training and financial assistance, for trafficked girls) for 39 girls. The seven Counseling Centers for Abused Children provided psycho-medical evaluation and psychotherapeutic recovery to 598 cases of children victims of physical, emotional or sexual abuse and to 310 families.

SCR carried out regional research on child trafficking and mapped the services and prevention measures developed in 11 countries from Central and South Eastern Europe and Baltic Countries that are part of the NGOs Network on Monitoring Children's Rights. This initiative was supported financially by the Global March Against Child Labour and the Open Society Foundation. SCR is also carrying out the Joint East West research project on trafficking in Children for Sexual Purposes in partnership with ECPAT Europe Law Enforcement Group.

A national assessment on the extent of child trafficking, coordinated by Save the Children Italy, was developed for the European Network Against Child Trafficking (ENACT) project. The project aims to systematize the existing data, create an online Resource Centre to enhance the capacities of practitioners and to create an international exchange platform on child trafficking.

During two regional meetings on child trafficking, SCR met representatives of NGOs from 11 countries in the region, as well as representatives from Romanian authorities.

SCR conducted four training sessions on child specific methods of interviewing and case management with police representatives and other key actors. Another training session by Save the Children Sweden focused on the therapeutic techniques for the victims of trafficking and pedophilia.

SCR's electronic newsletter distributes information on child trafficking issues, including the sexual exploitation of the children. SCR reprinted the Good Practices Guide for Child Abuse Prevention and published a Methodology of the Counseling Centers for Abused and Neglected Children that should be useful to all professionals working with children.

Planned Activities

SCR will continue to provide assistance to the child victims of trafficking and sexual abuse. It plans to carry out an awareness raising campaign for children and youngsters with high risk of being trafficked. In September, a Regional Report on Child Trafficking in Central and South Eastern Europe and Baltic Countries and the Good Practices Guide on child trafficking will be published as well as a national report "Action for Children" and a guide for local authorities with special chapters on sexual abuse.

A training session is planned on intervention measures in cases of children victims of abuses and trafficking for 40 professionals including police, social workers and psychologists and will organize a bi-lateral seminar between Romania and Sweden on techniques and procedures for investigating and reporting the cases of children victims of sexual abuse and trafficking

SCR will continue to contribute to the development of the National Plan of Action with a focus on specific measures to be taken in the field of prevention and recovery of child victims of sexual abuse.

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Established in 1997, Beo Support is made up of individuals and organisations committed to combating the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Since 2001, Beo Support has supported a youth/child task force that is working with a group of colleges in Belgrade and around the country providing information on CSEC issues. Currently this task force has 6000 pupils engaged in child participation activities.

Recent Activities

In the last reporting period, Beo Support created a documentary film on trafficking research. More recently, it has issued an illustrated brochure on trafficking based on the documentary. Produced in Serbian and English,

the brochure was promoted from the end of June. Beo Support has become a member of the National Government body to combat trafficking.

Planned Activities

With adoption of the National Plan expected at the end of the year, Beo Support plans to continue to lobby with adults and children for further work on the National Plan.

Beo Support intends to further increase the regional activities encompassing ECPAT regional work, and to continue and foster awareness-raising publications in schools and other institutions. Beo Supports main funders are Save the Children - Norway and the European Union.

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Background

ECPAT Spain is a coalition of organizations founded in Barcelona in 1997. It joined the ECPAT network in early 1998. The structure of the coalition is such that any body, public or private, that subscribes to the objectives of the coalition can join the organization. Actually seven organizations there are in Consortium with different integration levels and the coalition is continuing negotiations with others NGO joining the Consortium. ECPAT Spain's mission is to combat the sexual exploitation of children in all its forms.

This objective is carried out in numerous ways: awareness raising among the general public; promoting those activities undertaken that strengthen the protection of children in general and in particular in regards to sexual exploitation; sensitizing professionals in the tourism industry, media, the judiciary and politicians about sexual exploitation of children and gathering their support for ECPAT Spain's work; working together with other groups in the ECPAT network, especially in Latin America, as well as other institutions and agencies involved in ending the sexual exploitation of children. ECPAT Spain is integrated in the Children's National Observatory, government organization monitoring the National Plan of Action, and in the Spanish Task Force Group against the CSEC associated to the tourism, with to the WTO and diverse government agencies.

Recent Activities

The group continues its campaign of sensitization and public understanding including intervention in numerous media (radio, press and TV), launching of the Campaign "It's not a Game" denouncing the sexual relationships between adults and children, producing a newsletter, designing a TV ad for sensitization against the CSEC, designing a "Learn how to say NO!" project for the

prevention of the abuse and the CSEC in schools and, in collaboration with the PREDA Foundation Youth Theater Group of the Philippines, organising of a Week of Activities denouncing CSEC.

ECPAT Spain participated as an observer in the European project of Code of Conduct for the tourist industry and designed a project against the CSEC in tourism (CANDIL) with several ECPAT Groups from Latin America. Also ECPAT Spain organised the last biannual ECPAT Europe and II Trafficking Project meetings in Barcelona (April 2003)

ECPAT Spain developed a report on the consumption of child pornography on the Internet in Spain and produced of a guide for the protection of children using the Internet.

Planned Activities

ECPAT Spain will continue to be active in its previous activities such as the "Learn how to say NO!" programme in schools. ECPAT Spain hope to incorporate young people into its Directive Council. They also plan to launch the sensitization TV video ad of sensitization that it had created.

It plans to implement codes of conduct for the Spanish tourist industry, with collaboration of WTO and tourist authorities. It will pursue further funding for its CANDIL Project with Latin America and plans to develop specific materials for professionals and students of tourism.

To collaborate with ECPAT Cambodia and other Spanish and Cambodian NGO's denouncing the situation in the country and to circulate information in Europe and USA about foreign citizens who abuse of children. ECPAT Spain is also planning a project for the investigation and rehabilitation of child abusers and exploiters in Spanish prisons.

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Background

ECPAT Sweden was established in 1996, with 23 NGO member organizations as well as individual members. ECPAT Sweden has developed a Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism, with the cooperation of all major Scandinavian tour operators. InternetAction, a project aimed to raise awareness of the risks involved when minors use the Internet, has been implemented in a number of public schools and evaluated for the Swedish Board of Education. ECPAT Sweden has conducted training on CSEC for police, prosecutors, judges, lawyers, teachers, as well as students of law, tourism and journalism; wide-ranging awareness campaigns; and youth activities such as chat-conferences on child pornography and paedophile activities on the Internet. It has worked with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to distribute a report on extra-territorial legislation, to inform diplomatic missions abroad on measures to tackle child sex tourism. ECPAT Sweden has also started collaborating with credit card companies to combat child pornography on the Internet and is working to make Swedish enterprises, regardless of branch, accept an ethical policy against CSEC.

Recent Activities

As a result of ECPAT Sweden's study from 2001 "Minors in prostitution, pornography and trafficking in Sweden", a governmental working group regarding sexual exploitation of children has been established within the Ministry of Social Affairs. The working group is evaluating the awareness of CSEC in Sweden and will update the Swedish national plan against CSEC.

During 2003, three Swedish tour operators expanded the Tourism Code of Conduct to destinations in Asia, Africa and Latin America. ECPAT Sweden held lectures for the destination managers and 80,000 ticket jackets with information on child sex tourism, the Code and the possibilities of extraterritorial legislation were distributed through travel agencies during the year.

An ECPAT Sweden information campaign in the fall of 2002 focused on a movie Lilya 4-ever, about a young

Soviet girl who is lured to Sweden and sold as a sex slave. In cooperation with the film director and producer, ECPAT distributed 800 cinema tickets to the Members of the Parliament and government employees. Public ads described the campaign and provided information on trafficking in Sweden. Another part of the campaign was the production of an information supplement dedicated to trafficking in one of Sweden's largest evening newspaper. A third campaign promoted in newspapers and magazines focused promoting an ethical policy against CSEC on the private sector.

ECPAT Sweden has continued to encourage youth participation. It arranged a training program for workshop leaders, helped hold seminars around the country about ECPAT and CSEC and took part in a study group on the Internet regarding CSEC. ECPAT Sweden also organized 2 special evening sessions on the CSEC-theme at a youth centre in Stockholm.

Planned Activities

The work against trafficking will continue to play an important role for ECPAT Sweden during the rest of 2003 and 2004. An information booklet on the issue, educational seminars for border police and lectures are planned. In September 2003, ECPAT Sweden will co-host an NGO conference on unaccompanied children in Lithuania. The aim of the conference is NGO cooperation regarding the issue of trafficked and separated children in the Baltic Sea Region.

ECPAT Sweden is planning to hold a seminar for judges, district attorneys and police officers in November 2003 on the theme of CSEC.

The youth activities will hopefully increase. A partnership with the Swedish Scout Association began during the spring of 2003 and several local Scout Associations will become member organizations of ECPAT Sweden. A magazine on CSEC produced by ECPAT Sweden's youth group will be produced during the fall of 2003 and released in the new year.

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Background

ECPAT Switzerland is the national coordinating office for the prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of children in Switzerland and abroad. In July 2002, the organisation merged with Child Protection Switzerland and is now an independent unit of the organisation. Members of the merged organization, who total more than 1000, include individuals from national and international organisations working on children's issues in Switzerland.

ECPAT Switzerland, formerly called Arge Kipro, began its work in 1991 campaigning against child prostitution. In 1996 it opened a national secretariat in Berne and became part of ECPAT International 1999. One of the organisation's notable achievements emerged from an international congress on extraterritorial legislation in 1998 that culminated in a letter of intent, which now regulates the cooperation and exchange of information between prosecution, authorities and NGO's in extraterritorial procedures against CSEC.

The organisation's main objectives are to provide information and documentation to the public, government and NGO's, raise public awareness on the issue of CSEC, monitor and report issues of child pornography on the Internet and network with national and international groups.

Recent Activities

In June 2002, ECPAT Switzerland organised an international congress on Child Pornography on the Internet, in cooperation with 'Lobby for Children Switzerland' and met with an overwhelming response from the Swiss public. The congress ended with the dismissal of a resolution against child pornography.

In January and February 2003, ECPAT Switzerland held a cinema-campaign against Child Sex Tourism sponsored by the Federal Office for Social Insurance. For that it used one of the existing in-flight videos against CSEC which was shown during commercials at about one third of all Swiss movie-theatres.

Planned Activities

ECPAT Switzerland will publish an adapted version of the ECPAT Guide to Protecting Children Online. It also plans to develop some educational tool to strengthen the protection of children on the Internet. This project will be realized in cooperation with Action Innocence Group and the Swiss Institute for Sexual Pedagogics.

One of the Swiss tour operators (Hotelplan) wants to sign the certified code of conduct. ECPAT Switzerland is following this process with the support of ECPAT Germany and hopes that other tour operators will be inspired to also sign the code of conduct.

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Background

ECPAT UK was formed in March 1994 and is a coalition of eight UK charities. Its objectives are to raise awareness amongst the British public on the international aspects of the commercial sexual exploitation of children, and to encourage UK citizens and organisations to take action regarding the problem. ECPAT UK has successfully campaigned for the introduction of extraterritorial legislation to protect children overseas from sexual abuse by Britons. This was introduced in the 1997 Sex Offenders Act. In addition, ECPAT UK work has included the production of information for tourism students, the tourism industry and a public campaign for travelers to use police crime telephone number for reporting information on crimes committed against children. ECPAT UK contributed to European projects on law enforcement (research on extraterritorial legislation) and ran a European pilot project on youth participation and video action. ECPAT UK was also instrumental in preparations and participation and follow up to the ASEM Child Welfare Initiative.

Recent Activities

ECPAT UK is currently working in 3 areas: trafficking, tourism and youth participation. ECPAT UK has produced

the first research into the trafficking of children to the UK for sexual purposes and is campaigning for the provision of appropriate support services to victims of trafficking and to tighten UK legislation on trafficking. ECPAT UK is encouraging the UK tourism industry to implement the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism. Working with 2 UK tour operators, ECPAT UK has focused its work on the training of resort staff. In addition, Virgin Atlantic will be airing an in-flight video on child sex tourism from August 2003. ECPAT UK has produced participative research with children involved in prostitution in the UK, publishing the report 'More Than One Chance'.

Planned Activities

ECPAT UK, together with children's charities in the UK, is setting up a youth campaign for children involved in prostitution that will be run by young people. ECPAT UK is producing lecturer and student packs for tourism students on the issue of child sex tourism and is continuing to implement the code with a wider number of UK tour operators. ECPAT UK is updating its research into the trafficking of children to the UK for sexual purposes and assessing the support given to victims of trafficking once they reach the UK.

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Dar Al Amal (House of Hope) is a Lebanese NGO established in 1969. Its mission is to help children who live in difficult social and familial conditions at risk of delinquency, in order to give them the support they need in the construction of their life project. Dar Al Amal helps also children and adults who are in situation of prostitution, sexual exploitation and abuse, or in conflict with the law in order to ensure the necessary conditions for them to renew social bonds, re-establish their dignity and recapture the meaning of their lives.

Recent Activities

Dar Al Amal operates a specialized prevention project for children aged between 11 and 18 belonging to very poor and dislocated families. These children are victims of violence, sexual abuse, exploitation and maltreatment. The project helps the children to develop their potential, discover alternatives for a better reality in their lives and act for a change in their environment.

The Ministry of Labour in Lebanon has amended its Labour Code in relation to child labour and set the minimum working age of children at 14 years of age. Lebanon has developed a national plan for the elimination of child labour in cooperation with the International Labour Organisation. ILO-IPEC funded a

national project to fight against the worst forms of child labour and Dar Al Amal is one of the NGOs working on the project.

Discussions have been held with Save the Children U.K, Save the Children Sweden, UNICEF and the Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Social Affairs for the preparation of a steering committee to tackle the issue of commercial sexual exploitation of children in Lebanon.

Dar Al Amal took part in the 2nd Francophone International Congress on Sexual Aggression in Brussels in May 2003.

Planned Activities

The Ministry of Social Affairs is preparing a report to Geneva about the implementation in Lebanon of the Convention of the Rights of Children. Dar Al Amal had been asked in June 2003 to take in charge the issue of sexual abuse of children and to try to collect information about activities against sexual abuse of children.

Dar Al Amal will continue with its existing projects. It will undertake research and a situation analysis on CSEC in coordination with UNICEF, Save the Children, government ministries and NGOs and work towards development of a national plan of action.

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ANAIF-PIE was created in 1995 by a group of executive women who recognised a need in Mauritania to promote gender equity and ensure that children grow up in a safe environment conducive to strong development. The organisation now has 200 members and its objectives are to provide support for women's projects in the development sector and to protect and promote children's rights.

The group's work has included setting up a database and elaborating a strategy to promote gender equity. It has financed several cooperatives for women heads of households. And it has supported research on the commercial sexual exploitation of children, as well as the impact of migration on women's economic status.

Recent Activities

A third school was established in preparation for 2003-04 while the group's Al Houda centre made inquiries at high schools in Nouakchott to try to identify girls at risk of dropping out and to organise special lessons for them.

Work continued on building up a database on the situation of women and children in Mauritania. Research was undertaken on a variety of topics including adolescent sexuality and fertility; limited condom usage despite people being generally well-informed about different methods of contraception; women's household budgets and work time; the behaviour of girls in general; and the most serious and persistent illnesses in selected rural areas.



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