



# ECPAT INTERNATIONAL

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

ECPAT International is a global network of organisations working to eliminate all forms of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC).

The following provides information on the eligibility, criteria and the application process for ECPAT membership.

### **Availability of ECPAT Membership:**

Membership of ECPAT is open to:

1. Organisations formally registered or otherwise incorporated as legal entity within a given national jurisdiction.
2. Coalitions or federations of organisations of the above type, formally registered as such, or bound together by formal agreement

### **Categories of Membership:**

Membership of ECPAT International comprises the following categories:

- A. National Members
- B. Affiliate Members

### **Eligibility Criteria for membership:**

1. Demonstrable commitment to the Rights of the Child as expressed in several international conventions, and incorporated in the applicant's Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, Mission Statement or other formal documentation of association.
2. A proven record of achievement in the field of combating the commercial sexual exploitation of children.
3. In case the applicant is a Coalition or Federation, the majority of its members should be directly involved in combating the commercial sexual exploitation of children.
4. Transparent financial practices.
5. Democratic and transparent decision making processes and governance structure.
6. Willingness to cooperate at the national level with other organisations dedicated to combating the commercial sexual exploitation of children.
7. A reputation that is free of adverse reports or records of infringement or violation of local or international norms of conduct for organisations of this nature.

## Classification of Applicant:

1. Where a National Member already exists in the country of the applicant, the applicant will be designated **Affiliate Member** upon acceptance of the application.
2. If there is no National Member in the country of the applicant, the applicant will be designated **Affiliate Member** for a minimum of two years upon acceptance of the application. After this period, the applicant can apply for National Member status. The decision on such application will be the responsibility of the ECPAT International Board of Trustees.

## Required Documentation for Application:

1. Completed membership application form (including the name and contact details of two referees), signed by head of organisation
2. Registration/legal entity certificates
3. Organisation Statutes
4. High-resolution organisation logo (for use on the ECPAT website)
5. Copy of latest Annual Report
6. Copy of latest Financial Report or Audited Financial Statements
7. Activities plan for the forthcoming year
8. Organisational Chart (if available)
9. Organisational brochures, newsletters (if available)

## Membership Application Process:

1. All applications are received by the ECPAT International Secretariat. The applicant will receive confirmation of receipt from the Secretariat.
2. When applications are in conformity with the documentation requirements they shall be presented to the ECPAT International Board of Trustees' Credentials Committee.
3. The Credentials Committee shall review the application and make a recommendation to the ECPAT International Board of Trustees. The Board shall decide, based on recommendations of the Credentials Committee, either to approve the application, request further information or to decline the application. The Credentials Committee shall institute all necessary enquiries with the assistance of the Secretariat.
4. The final decision is communicated to the applicant by the Secretariat.

## Membership Benefits:

- Use of ECPAT logo and reference to membership as per applicable guidelines.
- Participation in ECPAT meetings, seminars, etc.
- Sponsorship for participation in events organised by international bodies/ NGOs.
- Access to specialist skills and professional expertise in the fields of Child Rights and the commercial sexual exploitation of children.
- Voting rights in the ECPAT International Assembly.
- Participation in ECPAT's regional and global advocacy efforts, including campaigns against the commercial sexual exploitation of children.
- Being part of a global network, sharing experiences, knowledge and ideas with other ECPAT members.
- Access to the ECPAT Network Hub, a social Intranet for members, and other resources.

## Role of ECPAT Member Organisations:

- Work against the commercial sexual exploitation of children according to its own mandate and policies.
- Support the regional and international activities and projects of ECPAT within its own country and region.
- Contribute to the development of projects and campaigns to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children.
- Keep ECPAT International informed on a regular basis of its activities, including providing copies of newsletters, research projects and relevant media coverage.
- Submit Annual Reports to the ECPAT Secretariat (programme and financial).
- Submit Annual Action plans for proposed activities to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children.
- Represent ECPAT International at international meetings on request of the Secretariat.
- Support ECPAT International on projects and assignments as requested.

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Thank you for your interest in ECPAT membership. For further information or to request an application form please write to: [info@ecpat.net](mailto:info@ecpat.net)