



## ECPAT INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

ECPAT International is a global network of organisations working to eliminate all forms of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). ECPAT International has 82 member organisations in 75 countries (2013).

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 Groups
- B. Affiliate Groups

### **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 CSEC
3. In case the applicant is a Coalition or Federation, the majority of its members should be directly involved in combating CSEC
4. Transparent financial practices
5. Democratic and transparent decision making processes and governance structure.
6. Willingness to cooperate on the national level with other organisations dedicated to combat CSEC.
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 Group already exists in the country of the Applicant, the applicant will be designated an **Affiliate Group** upon acceptance of the Application.
2. If there is no National Group in the country of Applicant, the applicant will be designated **Affiliate Group** for a minimum of two years upon acceptance of the

Application. After this period, the Applicant can apply for National Group status. The decision on such application will be the responsibility of the Board of Trustees.

### **Required Documentation for Application:**

1. Duly signed Application Form
2. Copies of applicant's Legal Registration extract, Constitution, Statutes, Articles of Incorporation, Memorandum of Association, Organisational guidelines, etc as applicable. Copies should be certified by Notary or Attorney.
3. Organisational chart demonstrating the structure of the organisation and reporting lines.
4. Activity/ program plan for forthcoming year
5. Copy of latest Annual Report and Financial Statements (audited if applicable),
6. The addresses and contact details of two references from either (I)NGOs, UN agencies or IGOs working in the country of the Applicant.
7. Copy of applicant's Child Protection Policy or a Code of Conduct.

### **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 put up to the Board of Trustees' Credentials Committee
3. The Credentials Committee shall review and examine the application. The ECPAT International Board of Trustees shall make a determination based on recommendations of the Credentials Committee either to approve the application, request further information or to decline the application. The 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 CSEC
- Voting rights in ECPAT International Assembly
- Participation in ECPAT's regional and global advocacy efforts including campaigns against CSEC
- 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

### **Role of ECPAT Member Organisations:**

- Combat Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children at a national level according to its own mandate and policies.

- Support the international activities and projects of ECPAT within its own country and region.
- Initiate ideas and 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 (program and financial)
- Submit Annual Action plans for proposed activities to combat CSEC
- 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 the ECPAT membership. For further information or to request an application form please write to: [info@ecpat.net](mailto:info@ecpat.net)