ENDING THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

Terms of Reference

Consultant

Stakeholders Mapping and Analysis of ASEAN Structure
for Protection of Children Against Sexual Exploitation in Southeast Asia

Organizational Background

ECPAT International is a global network of organisations working together to eliminate the sexual exploitation of children. The ECPAT network currently has 98 member organizations in 88 countries in Africa, Americas, Europe, Asia, and the Pacific. It seeks to encourage the world community to ensure that children everywhere enjoy their fundamental rights free and secure from sexual exploitation. All of these members are independent organisations or coalitions working against the sexual exploitation of children. The ECPAT Secretariat coordinates the global work of ECPAT International and is based in Bangkok, Thailand. The Secretariat designs programmes, advocacy and strategies to facilitate a range of network initiatives to make the greatest impact on combating Sexual Exploitation of Children (SEC).

Introduction

There is now a historic and unprecedented opportunity to end the crime of sexual exploitation of children. The global mandate enshrined in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by world leaders in 2015 consists of 17 goals and 169 targets, that in many cases are guided by children’s rights – most notably in target 16.2:

**SDG target 16.2: End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children (by 2030).**

The pursuit of these targets brings new momentum to the fight against sexual exploitation of children. However, national policy commitments and the engagement of both the private sector and civil society need to be strengthened and resource allocations increased in order to win this fight. The regional organisations play a pivotal role in this effort as they can negotiate collective action and develop regional strategies and action plans to end abuse and exploitation of children. In Southeast Asia, the relevant regional organization is ASEAN and hence ECPAT and its network members in the region should strategically engage with this body.

ASEAN

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a regional intergovernmental organisation comprising ten Southeast Asian states, which promotes Pan-Asianism and intergovernmental cooperation and facilitates economic, political, military, educational and cultural integration amongst its members and Asian states. Its principal aims include accelerating economic growth, social progress, and sociocultural evolution among its members, alongside the protection of regional stability and the provision of a mechanism for member countries to resolve differences peacefully. ASEAN has been establishing itself as a platform for Asian integrations and cooperation, working with other Asian nations to promote unity,
prosperity, development and sustainability of the region, as well as working on solutions to resolve disputes and problems in the region. While mainly focusing on the Asia-Pacific nations, ASEAN also established communications with other parts of the world, to better promote world peace and stability.

Regional efforts to prevent and combat SEC have centred on actions taken through different ASEAN mechanisms. ASEAN Member States have participated in the formulation of a range of declarations, conventions and treaties that relate to the protection of children, including the protection of children from SEC. Recent commitments include the adoption of the Regional Plan of Action for the Elimination of Violence against Children (RPA EVAC).

Objectives of the Consultancy

☐ To map and analyse potential for civil society advocacy within the official structures in the framework of ASEAN that affect the rights of children to be protected from all forms of sexual exploitation, and through examination of the work-plans of these bodies. This includes, but is not limited to: ACWC; AICHR, SOMSWD, AMMSWD, SOMTC, AMMTC, ASEAN Working Group for Cyber Crime, and AIPA.

☐ To map and analyse existing legal instruments of ASEAN and their effectiveness in prevention and combating sexual exploitation of children including (but not limited to) ASEAN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Children; The ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (ACTIP); ASEAN instrument to implement the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (Cebu Declaration); and ASEAN Human Rights Declaration, and others deemed relevant for prevention and protection of children from all forms of sexual exploitation.

☐ To identify the gaps and potential barriers and challenges for advocacy work on SEC with ASEAN

☐ To identify the entry points for meaningful civil society participation in ASEAN, and how tools can be taken up by civil society for use at the national level.

Tasks and Responsibilities

1) The consultant will conduct desk review drawing information from:

☐ ASEAN official documents; studies produced by ASEAN Secretariat such as Baseline study on Child Protection System in ASEAN Member States, and Regional Review on Laws, Policies and Practices within ASEAN relating to the Identification, Management and Treatment of Victims of Trafficking, especially Women and Children, etc.
ECPAT International’s most current studies, including the Global Report on Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism Regional section, ECPAT International’s South East Asia Regional Overview 2017, etc.

Publications of other international agencies including UNICEF, UNODC, IOM, etc.

2) Where information is not available or inadequate, the consultant is expected to gather information from ECPAT members, partners, government agencies, ASEAN representatives, and international organisations through phone, skype and personal interviews as and when required.

3) The Consultation will produce an outcome document of a mapping and analysis of key ASEAN mechanism and decision making bodies. The first draft will be shared with ECPAT International for internal feedback. The Consultant is responsible for the finalization of the document including the incorporation of comments and inputs from ECPAT International.

### Expected Outcome

1) Key stakeholder mapping and analysis of ASEAN structures that promote the rights of children to protection and live free from all forms of sexual exploitation;

2) Review and analysis of the effectiveness of related ASEAN instruments and frameworks;

3) Practical recommendations for future entry points for meaningful civil society participation in ASEAN including a list of relevant contacts.

4) Identifying key dates and advocacy opportunities at ASEAN related and other regional events in 2017-2018

### Timeframe and Implementation Plan:

**Duration of Assignment:** 15 working days from the period of 20 October – 30 November 2017

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**Terms and Conditions**

- This position is home based.
- The researcher will report to Rangsima Deesawade, Regional Coordinator for Southeast Asia, ECPAT International.
- The Consultant will develop an interview list in consultation with ECPAT International.

**Support from ECPAT International Secretariat**

The consultant will be provided with relevant documents (or links to documents and databases) that contain the resources listed above. In addition, semi-structured interviewing of key stakeholders might be necessary. ECPAT International Secretariat will assist with the identification and choice of interview subjects, as well as provide introductions where necessary.

**Qualification Requirements**

**Essential**

- Advanced degree in human rights, law, international relations, social sciences or equivalent.
- At least eight years of professional experience; specific proven experience in policy advocacy and strategy development of at least five years.
- Proven knowledge of children’s rights and international legal frameworks.
- Familiarity with South East Asian context, ASEAN framework and other key regional bodies.
- Experience in working with human rights and social development issues specifically as they relate to the rights of children.
- Good English language capability with demonstrated publications in English.

Interested candidates should present an expression of interest letter, including expected daily fee, and CV to:

vacancy@ecpat.org, no later than 17 October 2017