



#### **ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE**

# JOINT WORKSHOP ON CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

2-3 October 2018, Manila, Philippines

\* 4<sup>th</sup>Regional Legal Research Group Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> RLRG)

\* UNODC Southeast Asian Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement
Working Group on Online Child Sexual Exploitation
(2<sup>nd</sup> SEA WG OCSE)



## **CONCEPT NOTE & AGENDA**

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is not only a serious violation of children's rights, but also a problem which requires global global solutions. For example, in Southeast Asia, child sexual exploitation has been closely linked to the ever-growing regional and international tourism industry and influx of travelling child sex offenders in connection with it has caused a serious problem. Also, information and communication technologies (ICTs) have become an integral part of modern life and leave children increasingly vulnerable to new and evolving forms of sexual exploitation. The threat of Online Child Sexual Exploitation (OCSE) is something faced by children around the world, and as Southeast Asia becomes increasingly connected, it becomes more connected to this global problem. Rising internet use in the region is creating new threats and fuelling the spread of material that is abusive and sexually exploitive of children.

#### Introduction

Identifying and investigating offenders is difficult as they travel from their countries of origin and disappear beyond the border after offending, or they continually adapt to technology and navigate the multi-jurisdictional nature of the internet, which help them keep their anonymity.

Efforts are being made by countries in Southeast Asia to protect children, including through legislative reform, technical capacity building of investigators and prosecutors, and enhanced cross-border cooperation, but still there is room to improve. The patterns of these offences differs from country to country and, as such, a regional dialogue on these complex and dynamic issues in Southeast Asia is imperative.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is in a unique position to help countries deal with these issues at the global and regional level. It is imperative for national legal frameworks to be aligned with international standards and this starts with discussions on legislative and operational reform. This joint workshop will be a forum for information sharing between ASEAN member states to address the operational challenges combating child of sexual exploitation and improving legislative frameworks to account for the increasing threats.

### Support for Legislative Reform

The UNODC has facilitated discussions between the Ministry of Justice and national level agencies on legal reform and has supported the establishment of a Regional Legal Research Group (RLRG) with high ranking officials from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam. Since 2015, these countries has gathered annually and exchanged useful information on CSE, in particular on their legislative reform. At the third RLRG Meeting, the countries reaffirmed their commitment to stronger and more effective regional cooperation against CSE in travel and through the adoption of the tourism, "Declaration of The Third Regional Legal Research Group Meeting" signed on 7 September 2017 in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

In the Declaration, the RLRG committed to continue its joint efforts in enhancing the legal framework for combatting CSE in travel and tourism including child prostitution, sexual abuse against children, child pornography and child trafficking, and called on other ASEAN member countries to join the RLRG in order to strengthen the legal framework against all forms of CSE in the region. In response to this, the UNODC will support to organise the fourth RLRG Meeting with a view to facilitate further information exchange among relevant agencies within and across borders.

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In 2017, the UNODC facilitated discussions between law enforcement and legal professionals to establish the UNODC Southeast Asian Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Working Group on Online Child Sexual Exploitation. The working group was established to bring together judges, prosecutors and police officers from ASEAN countries who work in the field of online child sexual exploitation to facilitate a forum for discussion on operational challenges, opportunities for capacity building and international cooperation in the Southeast Asia region.

The UNODC will build on the developments from the Law Enforcement Working Group through the organisation of this Joint Workshop on Child Exploitation to foster collaboration with professionals focused on legislative reform in these areas. This meeting will emphasize a dual approach of prevention of CSE and protection of vulnerable children online, whilst encouraging cooperation between member countries of ASEAN to enhance information exchange among relevant agencies within and across borders.

# **Operational and Tactical Support**

#### **Objectives**

Planned to be held in October 2018, the Joint Workshop on Child Sexual Exploitation broadly aims to provide ongoing collaborative support among the ASEAN member countries on legislative and operational reform matters relevant to addressing CSE. At the Joint Workshop, the participants of RLRG meeting will exchange information on the recent developments in their legislation while the participants of the Law Enforcement Working Group will discuss a wide variety of issues associated with the operations of combatting CSE. Then all of them will share their views in order to address CSE collectively from both legislative and operational perspectives.

#### After the meeting, it is expected that:

- 1. Regional network of relevant agencies within and across borders will be enhanced.
- 2. Capacity of law enforcement to combat online child sexual exploitation will be increased.
- 3. Direction of future legislative reform in each participating country will be recognized.
- 4. Agreement will be reached on areas of mutual interest for future collaboration

# Expected Outcomes

## Agenda and Schedule

Day 1 : 2 October	The 4 <sup>th</sup> RLRG Meeting	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> SEA WG OCSE	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration		
9:00-9:40	Welcome Remarks by <i>Representative</i> from Department of Justice (DOJ) Philippines  Mr. Alexandru Caciuloiu, Cybercrime Project Coordinator,  UNODC ROSEAP  Representative from the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines  Workshop Orientation by UNODC  Group Photo		
9:40-10:00	Coffee break		
10:00-12:00	Country Presentations (20-30 minutes /each)  - Cambodia - Indonesia - Lao PDR - Malaysia - Myanmar	Break Out Session  Presentation and discussion of each participating country (Updates from working group members regarding the current situation of online child sexual exploitation, updates from last meeting, on-going programs, responsibilities, challenges identified, issues faced, solutions proposed, way forward and international co-operation)	
12:00-13:30	Lunch		
13:30-15:00	Country Presentations (To be continue)  - Philippines - Thailand - Vietnam	- Break Out Session - Presentation and discussion of each participating country/ Election of chairman of the working group (Updates from working group members regarding the current situation of online child sexual exploitation, updates from last meeting, on-going programs, responsibilities, challenges identified, issues faced, solutions proposed, way forward and international co-operation)	
15:00-15:30	Coffee break		
15:30-17:00 18:00	Ms. Lilian Alejo Senior Assistant State Prosecutor Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT)  Pol. Lt. Col. Narin Phetthong Royal Thai Police and former INTERPOL Specialized Officer  Pol. Lt. Col. Narin Phetthong Former INTERPOL Specialized Officer Royal Thai Police		

Day 2:3 October	The 4 <sup>th</sup> RLRG Meeting	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> SE	A WG OCSE	
8:30 - 9:00	Registration			
9:00-10:30	Areas for Cooperation  Mr. Isra Sunthornvut Secretary General of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)  Ms. Rangsima Deesawade Regional Coordinator for Southeast Asia (ECPAT International)  - Discussion -			
10:30-11:00	Coffee break			
11:00-12:00	Solutions for Legislative Challenges - Discussion -	Specialized Session for Judges and Prosecutors  (TBC)  Mr. Alexandru Caciuloiu  Case presentation Live streaming cases, trearrying out investigative techniques, internation Queensland Police Service (Control of the Control of the C	on, Victim identification al collaboration	
12:00-13:30	Lu	Lunch		
13:30-14:30	Wrap-up session	Wrap Up discuss	sion / Conclusion	
14:30-15:00	Coffee break			
15:00-16:00	Report back session - The 4 <sup>th</sup> RLRG Meeting - The 2 <sup>nd</sup> SEA WG OCSE			
16:00-16:30	Closing Remarks by <b>Representative</b> from DOJ Philippines  Mr. Takeshi Matsumoto, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer,  UNODC ROSEAP			

# **Venue of the Event**

#### For Delegates Staying at Hotel Jen Manila:

Participants are requested to present their ID cards at the hotel check-in counter to receive their room keys. UNODC has booked a single room for each entitled participant. Please kindly note that the Hotel may require incidental deposit payment in cash or credit card upon your check-in from participants individually and will refund upon check-out.

Check-in time: 14.00 hrs. Check-out time: 12.00 hrs.

Note: Participants will be required to settle any additional personal expenses (i.e. telephone calls, mini bar, laundry, late checkout, room service, etc.) incurred at the accommodation including arrangements additional to those made by UNODC.

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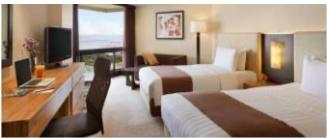
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# **Sponsorship**

# For UNODC's Fully-funded Delegates

The following expenses, in accordance with UN Financial Rules and Regulations, shall be borne by the UNODC

- Round trip of airfare (economy class) and/or local transportation to the venue
- Airport transfer from airport to hotel and hotel to airport
- Accommodation of single occupancy room for each participant
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner (from check-in night) and 2-dally coffee breaks will be provided throughout the meeting period.

\*\* The cost of meeting participation (including air tickets, hotel accommodation, meals and local transportation) will be provided as a meeting service arrangement. No further payments will be made to participants.\*\*

UNODC will cover the meeting package, which include 2 coffee breaks and 1 lunch during the 2-day meetings.

Delegates are requested to be responsible for their flights, hotel accommodation, meals and local transportation.

# For UNODC's Self-funded Delegates

# **Logistics Preparation**



The Department of Justice of the Philippines (DOJ) will be able to provide the invitation letter to delegates who need to apply for visa to enter the Philippines. However, all delegates are responsible for obtaining their own visa arrangement including preparation of relevant documents, and visa fees. In order to request the invitation letter for the visa application, please directly contact:

Atty. Angiereen D. Medina State Counsel, Office of Cybercrime Department of Justice

Email: admedina@doj.gov.ph



### **Travel Arrangement & Airport Transfer**

For fully-funded delegates, UNODC will make the flight reservation in consultation with the participants. UNODC will <u>not</u> provide reimbursements for flight tickets purchased individually. Once flight tickets have been issued in consultation with the participants, changing the flights will only be possible on an exceptional basis, and only in well justified cases.

The participants who travel by planes are kindly requested to *submit the original boarding pass* for to UNODC staff at registration session, and electronic copy of boarding pass for the returning trip should be sent to UNODC via email.

For self-funded delegates, in case that you would like to join the airport transfer service, please confirm your flight schedule with UNODC's meeting focal points. If not, the airport taxi from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport to the city of Manila will starts around 400 pesos, or sometimes it can reach 1,500 pesos if you use the hotel transfer service.

**Airport transfer:** UNODC will endeavour to arrange the land transportation of all participants.

Upon arrival and departure for participants will be arranged by the hotel. Once arriving at the arrival hall, hotel representative will be waiting for you at the exit by holding signboard of hotel name. In case that participants cannot find hotel staff awaiting at the airport, please contact

Mr. xxxx (position at hotel), tel. xxxxxxxxxxx

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