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Dear Friends:

Towards the end of 2011 the Federation of Associations for the Prevention of Child Mistreatment (FAPMI)¹ began a journey that resulted in its incorporation in the *International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect* (ISPCAN)², recognition by **The Code**³ as the Local Representative in Spain of the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children and Adolescents Against Sexual Exploitation in Tourism and Travel and its joining **the ECPAT International** (*End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes*)⁴ network as a National Group.

The support for the work developed by the Federation and the Associations that form it by these independent international organizations that fight against mistreatment and sexual exploitation of children and adolescents offers us the challenge to respond to their mandates in a responsible, effective and efficient way. Therefore, the participation of FAPMI in this new scenario does not suggest a point of arrival, but rather a new beginning full of expectations that enhance opportunities that have a significant influence on the eradication of all forms of mistreatment of children and

¹ www.fapmi.es

² Founded in July of 1977 after the *International Congress of Child Abuse and Neglect* held in Geneva (Switzerland) and promoted by H. Kempe, ISPCAN is the international organization with the largest range in the fight against child mistreatment, bringing together 26 organizations with national representation in their respective countries and with goals similar to those of the Federation. ISPCAN is defined as a community of professionals in a network for the exchange of information, experiences, good practices and materials at a global level and with a scientific character, reason for which it is driving relevant studies and research at a national level and editing the international scientific magazine *Child Abuse and Neglect*, doyen since 1977 in the dissemination of knowledge about the prevention of child mistreatment, promotion of good treatment and protection of children and adolescents. <http://www.ispcan.org>

³ www.thecode.org

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adolescents in Spain. Likewise, this recognition is complementary to the current proceedings of the Federation.

These international partnerships are in addition to previous ones, among which it is necessary to emphasize the membership of FAPMI to the Platform of Child Organizations (POI)⁵ and to the Child Observatory of the Department of Health, Social Services and Equality⁶, as well as the fact that the Federation has been a coordinating entity since 2011 of the Council of Europe Campaign “One in Five” for the prevention of sexual violence against children and adolescents.

It is our privilege to present two documents that set important milestones in this new phase. First, the ***Global Monitoring Report of the actions against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents in Spain*** (Second edition, August of 2012)⁷, developed by ECPAT International and in which FAPMI-ECPAT Spain has actively collaborated. Through this report an overview of the situation in Spain is reviewed and it comes to complement its predecessor, the report of 2006⁸.

Based on the results of this report and of other framework documents, the ***Plan of Action 2012-13 of FAPMI-ECPAT Spain***⁹ has been designed. Among the reference documents considered for the preparation of this Plan, it is necessary to mention the following:

- *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child relative on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography* approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations, on May 25th 2000 and entered into effect on January 18th, 2002¹⁰.
- *Final Observations to Spain of the Committee on the Rights of the Child about the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on Child Rights relative to the sale of children, child prostitution and the use of children in pornography*, of October 17th, 2007¹¹.
- *Final Observations to Spain of the Committee on Child Rights*, of November 2010¹².

⁵ <http://plataformadeinfancia.org>

⁶ Department of Health, Social Services and Equality. <http://www.observatoriodelainfancia.msps.es>

⁷ http://www.ecpat-spain.org/imagenes/auxiliar/A4A_V2_Europe_SPAIN_FINAL.pdf

⁸ http://www.bienestaryproteccioninfantil.es/imagenes/tablaContenidos03SubSec/informe_ecpat.pdf

⁹ <http://www.ecpat-spain.org/ecpat.asp?sec=3>

¹⁰ <http://www.bienestaryproteccioninfantil.es/fuentes1.asp?sec=&subs=&cod=627&page=&v=2>

¹¹ <http://www.bienestaryproteccioninfantil.es/imagenes/tablaContenidos03SubSec/crcCOpscEsp%281%29.pdf>

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- *Supplementary Report to the III and IV Implementation Report of the Convention of Child Rights in Spain*, of the Platform of Child Organizations of Spain, March of 2010¹³.
- *Strategic Guidelines 2012-2016. The Road to 2016: Responding to the “Call to Action” of Río de Janeiro*, of ECPAT International, October of 2010¹⁴.
- *III Plan of Action against the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents (2010-2013)*, approved by the Plenary of the Child Observatory, then of the Department of Health, Social Policy and Equality in December of 2010¹⁵.
- *Convention of the Council of Europe for the protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Convention)*, of October 25th, 2007 and entered into effect on July 1st, 2010¹⁶.

The **Plan of Action** for the period 2012-2013 opens a new stage in ECPAT Spain and constitutes the framework of the various activities that will be developed by FAPMI-ECPAT Spain during the next two years based on the following parameters:

- Consolidate the positioning of FAPMI-ECPAT Spain as a reference in our country in the fight against the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, following the strategic guidelines defined by **ECPAT International**.
- Promote **knowledge and awareness of the reality** concerning this issue, in a way that permits the implementation of effective responses and policies that reflect this reality.
- Contribute to building an effective response against Child and Adolescent Sexual Exploitation from **regulatory framework and international and European agreements**.

¹² http://www.bienestaryproteccioninfantil.es/imagenes/tablaContenidos03SubSec/observacionesfinales_CDN.pdf

¹³ <http://www.bienestaryproteccioninfantil.es/fuentes1.asp?sec=1&subs=23&cod=8&page=>

¹⁴ http://www.ecpat.net/EI/pdf/Strategic_Directions_2012_2015_SPA.pdf

¹⁵ <http://www.bienestaryproteccioninfantil.es/fuentes1.asp?sec=14&subs=120&cod=293&page=>

¹⁶ http://www.fapmi.es/imagenes/subsecciones1/1de5_Doc_03_Convenio%20Lanzarote_Parlamentarios.pdf

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- Strengthen the support to policies, objectives and measures defined by the **Child Observatory** through the World Congress III Plan of Action against the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, effective monitoring of it and contribution to its improvement.
- Promote, strengthen and coordinate **networks** formed by all the agents active in prevention, detection and reporting and/or care to the victims and aggressors / exploiters at a local, regional and/or national level in both the private and public sector.
- **Raise awareness** of the whole society and the creation of a public opinion intransigent to any form of mistreatment against minors of age and –especially in this case- the sexual exploitation of children and adolescents.

The present Plan assumes these commitments and intends to go beyond the limits of the Federation and the Associations that form it, involving all organizations, entities, institutions and companies directly linked to this issue. Therefore, as the title of this Plan defines –“*A proposal for action*”- is an invitation to all social agents, politicians and professionals to join efforts with a common goal in this new context of collaboration.

Proof of this commitment has been the activities developed in the framework of the World Tourism Day which was recently celebrated. In collaboration with UNICEF and the World Tourism Organization (OMT), FAPMI-ECPAT Spain called the **public signing of four new members to the Code of Conduct for the protection of children and adolescents from sexual exploitation in tourism and travel**¹⁷ and a **workshop of debate about Social Responsibility and the Tourism Industry**¹⁸, which was inaugurated by the Secretary General of the OMT, Mr. Taleb Rifai.

This commitment was extended through the celebration of a Seminar prior to the XI International Congress of Mistreated Children¹⁹ (October 16th, 2012) under the title “**Building bridges between research and practice for the prevention of sexual exploitation of children and adolescents**”²⁰.

¹⁷The new memberships were made by RIU Hotels & Resorts, Grupo Lopesan, Asociación Hotelera and Extrahotelera de Tenerife, La Palma, la Gomera and El Hierro and el Grupo Piñero, with the presence of UNICEF, OMT and representatives of the Government of the Canary Islands and the City Hall of la Villa de San Bartolomé de Tirajana as witnesses. The program of the event is available in: <http://www.ecpat-spain.org/ecpat.asp?sec=5&subs=5>

¹⁸ <http://www.ecpat-spain.org/ecpat.asp?sec=5&subs=4>

¹⁹ www.congresofapmi.es

²⁰ <http://www.congresofapmi.es/antiores.asp?sec=14&pp=2>

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We will keep you informed of our activities and network development and look forward to your continued collaboration and support.

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