

*ECPAT-USA, NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child Focal Point on Sexual Exploitation of Children, UNICEF, and University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work cordially invite you to attend*

## ***A Regional Consultation on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Canada, Mexico and the United States***

*December 2 - 3, 2001*

*University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work  
3701 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Hundreds of thousands of children in the United States, Canada and Mexico are sexually abused every year for the profit of others. The commercial sexual exploitation of children includes the use of child victims in prostitution, pornography and trafficking for sexual purposes.

We invite you to join us at this important international interdisciplinary meeting intended to call attention to and address this category of abuse of children. This consultation will bring together an array of concerned participants from government agencies and nongovernmental organizations, academic institutions, service providers and the private sector from three countries in an effort to develop ways to reduce and ultimately end the commercial sexual abuse of children. It is planned as an opportunity to share knowledge and experiences about progress made and lessons learned within the region since the World Congress Against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children was held in Stockholm in 1996. It will prepare the way for the Second World Congress Against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children to be held in Yokohama from December 17-20, 2001 and the steps that should be taken following it by aiming to identify and prioritize problems areas where research, law enforcement, education and preventive and recovery services need to be supported, developed and directed in this region in the future.

### **Registration Information:**

- Registration is limited to 150 participants. Spaces will be distributed equally with a maximum of 50 participants from each country able to register prior to November 1, 2001. After November 1, 2001 registration will be on a first come basis regardless of country of origin of the participant.
- Due to the limited size of the consultation, organizations are requested to limit their representation to 1 or 2 persons, including youth participants.
- Youth (ages 14 -24) participation is strongly encouraged. Youth participants under age 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult participant and have written parental/legal guardian permission.
- The fee for registration is \$50US per person. Fee must be paid at time of registration by participants from the US and Canada. Participants from Mexico must register in advance but may pay registration upon arrival. Coffee and lunch will be provided for participants both days.
- Participants are responsible for their own travel documentation, medical insurance, travel and accommodations reservations and fees. See hotel information below.

**Organizing Committee:** Elena Azaola, Ph.D. (Researcher, Center for Advanced Studies in Social Anthropology, Mexico City), Richardo Camacho, Ph.D. (Director General, Casa Alianza, Mexico City), Richard Estes, Ph.D. (Professor & Chair, Concentration in Social and Economic Development, Principal Investigator, "The Sexual Exploitation of Children in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work), Ingrid Leth, Ph.D. (Senior Advisor Child Protection Section, UNICEF), Miriam Lyons, M.A. (North American Regional Relay, NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child Focal Point on Sexual Exploitation of Children), Gordon Phaneuf, MSW (Chief, Child Maltreatment Section, Health Canada), Carol Smolenski, M.U.P. (Coordinator, ECPAT-USA, End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes), Mia Spangenberg, M.A. (Researcher, ECPAT-USA), Fadi Fadel (Program Manager, Sexual Exploitation, Save the Children Canada), Lisa Wolff (Director, Education for Development, UNICEF Canada)

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**Hotel Information:** Participants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodations. The centrally located Radisson Plaza-Warwick Hotel (4-stars) is offering a generously discounted rate of \$99.00/night for three nights beginning Saturday, December 1st. To obtain this rate reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card by not later than November 1st (215-735-6000).

Less expensive rooms are available at International House (215-387-5125) for \$60 (single room only with shared bath) and the Divine Tracy Hotel (215-382-4310) for \$45 (single room only with private bath, but with both dress and curfew restrictions).

**Registration:** Tear off and return registration form to the consultation secretariat with a check for \$50US made out to ECPAT-USA (Please write "For NA Consultation" somewhere on the check). Delegates from Mexico must send in registration form but may pay fee upon arrival at conference. Send form and fee to the secretariat at:

**North American Regional Consultation on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children  
C/O ECPAT-USA  
475 Riverside Drive, Room 830  
New York, NY 10115**

**For additional information contact the consultation secretariat at Tel: 212 870 2427; Fax 212 870 2512  
Email: NACONSULTATION2001@hotmail.com**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check if Applicable:**

**Youth/Minor (aged 14 - 17)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name of Adult Companion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth/Young Adult (aged 18 - 24)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please advise us if you have requirements related to:**

**- Translation** \_\_\_\_\_

**- Disability/accessibility** \_\_\_\_\_

**- Dietary restrictions** \_\_\_\_\_