



# COVENANT

## FOR ENHANCING AND SUSTAINING PARTNERSHIP IN ADDRESSING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS IN THE PHILIPPINES

**WE**, the Members of the Inter-Agency Executive Committee (IAEC) of the Coalitions Against Trafficking in Human Beings in the Philippines, convened at Pasay City on October 24, 2001;

**RECALLING** the critical importance of the UN-RP Pilot Project on Coalitions Against Human Trafficking approved by the United Nations Center for International Crime Prevention (UNCICP) and the Government of the Philippines on 29 March 1999;

**OMMITTED** to the strategic goals of our respective agencies under the UN-RP Project and further realizing the need for regional and global cooperation in responding to trafficking in human beings as a transnational crime;

**STRESSING** the need for a holistic approach and coordination of efforts in achieving the interrelated and interdependent goals of the UN-RP Project Pilot through the implementation of effective measures to control and prevent human trafficking, particularly in women and children undertaken by the members of the IAEC;

**RECOGNIZING** that greater and sustained partnership of member-agencies of the Inter-Agency Executive Committee of the Coalitions Against Trafficking in Human Beings in the Philippines is essential to the effective implementation of a comprehensive Strategic Action Plan to address the issue of human trafficking;

**NOTING** with appreciation the existing collaboration between the Inter-Agency Executive Committee and the United Nations Center for International Crime Prevention to implement the United Nations Global Programme Against Trafficking in Human Beings in order to strengthen crime prevention strategies against trafficking, improve the effectiveness of law enforcement and criminal justice responses and improve victim and witness protection and assistance;

**DO HEREBY:**

1. Adopt the herein annexed Strategic Action Plan for a National Coalition Against Trafficking in Human Beings in the Philippines;
2. Task the member-agencies of the IAEC to implement and monitor the progress of implementation of their assigned responsibilities as contained in the Strategic Action Plan;
3. Call upon all member-agencies of the Inter-Agency Executive Committee of the Coalitions Against Trafficking in Human Beings in the Philippines to further strengthen and sustain partnership and cooperation in addressing the issue of human trafficking in the Philippines.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Members of the Inter-Agency Executive Committee of the Coalitions Against Trafficking in Human Beings in the Philippines, indicated herein, jointly and collectively commit and pledge our unqualified and full support by way of exerting concerted and sustained efforts and vigilance in the implementation of the specific programs and projects embodied in the Strategic Action Plan for a National Coalition Against Trafficking in Human Beings.

Adopted and signed at the Department of Foreign Affairs, Pasay City this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2001.

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