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GLOBAL CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION - LAUNCH OF AN ECPAT GLOBAL REPORT

The demand for child sexual imagery and sexual contact with children is a worldwide phenomenon. This report is a wake up call to the global community to protect the rights of children to grow up free from sexual abuse. David Matas, legal counsel for Beyond Borders states, “Canada has to take sex crimes against children more seriously. Canada’s commitments to protect children on the Internet and in this era of globalization are too often ignored.”

The report highlights the need for Canada to 1. raise the age of consent to the international norm of 16, 2. to prosecute earnestly those who are involved in commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) especially “child prostitution” and 3. to stop high risk sexual offenders against children from leaving Canada often traveling to countries where children are at risk of child sex tourism.

ECPAT International is a global network of organizations and individuals working at all levels to build collaboration among local civil society and the broader child rights community to form a global social movement to eliminate the commercial sexual exploitation of children. It encourages the world community to ensure that children everywhere enjoy their fundamental rights free from all forms of commercial sexual exploitation (CSEC). ECPAT began in the late '80s as a campaign to raise awareness of the growing incidence of CSEC in Asia, and gradually extended to formalize links with other groups and organizations around the world. The ECPAT network now comprises 85 members in 76 countries.

For the report go to WWW.BEYONDBORDERS.ORG

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