Measures taken by ECPAT groups against sexual exploitation of children in tourism

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Significant Measures

- **Costa Rica**: Information System and Code of Conduct Activities (Paniamor)

- **Germany**: Staff Training with Hotelplan (ECPAT Germany)

- **Thailand**: Shelters and awareness (ECPAT International Secretariat)
Costa Rica

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http://www.paniamor.or.cr/
Information System

Objectives:

- Develop a database programme within the Judicial System to collect and store information on CSEC and trafficking (info on victims and offenders) of children. Enhance victim support throughout the legal process through access to such information.
- Improve and target interventions against CSEC.
- Increase overall efficiency of judicial process in tackling CSEC cases.
Information System

- **Direct Beneficiaries:**
  - Judicial System at large (this information system will be part of that operated by the general Informatics System within the Judiciary)
  - Victim support personnel within the judicial system and Judicial Personnel
  - Victims of CSEC

- **Indirect Beneficiaries:**
  - Law Enforcement Officials (immigration officials and border police)
  - Policy makers, legislators and the general public
Information System

Activities:

- Development of user-friendly computer system to access and input the information collected.
- Making certain that new system is compatible with existing current databases in the Judicial System
- Training for personnel from the Judicial System, Immigration and Border Police, Law Enforcement
Germany and Switzerland

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Swiss Tour Operator Hotelplan signed the Code of Conduct in November 2003 and has since conducted comprehensive implementation of the code. They have:

- Officially launched the Code of Conduct in Zurich
- Developed and distributed information cards and leaflets to staff members as well as leaflets for travellers.
- Incorporated ECPAT leaflets into their training material.
- Conducted training 6 staff training sessions (8-16 in each) with 4 more planned shortly. Staff receiving such training includes Directors, Senior managers, junior managers (product managers, marketing managers (controllers)), and branch managers of travel agencies.
- Established a monitoring group which will begin work in December.
Engagement zum Schutz der Kinder vor sexueller Ausbeutung
Schulungsmaterialien für die Reisebranche

Hotelplan
Collaboration with youth travel organisations

ECPAT Germany is currently assisting:

– AEJ (Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Evangelischen Jugend)
– BEJ (Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der Evangelischen Jugendferiendienste)
– Bundesforum Kinder- und Jugendreisen

to develop an internal child rights policy.
Thailand

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ECPAT Foundation
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www.ecpat.net
http://www.ecpat.net/preventionproject/
As part of the on-going collaboration between ECPAT and Accor hotels, a charity fundraising event was held at Lumpini Park on October 30th, 2004.

The fundraising is part of a “polar” approach to CST prevention whereby:

1) Prevention programmes are funded in the North of Thailand (source area)

2) Awareness of the issue and of ECPAT is raised in Bangkok (destination area)
Raising awareness in both the source and destination points will help prevent more girls and boys from becoming victims of the Bangkok sex industry.
VGCD and ECPAT Foundation shelter

The children and staff need basic equipment for the day to day living and education.
VGCD and ECPAT Foundation shelter

It is hoped that 500,000 baht (or $12,000) will be raised in total.
Further information on ECPAT action against CST

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Thank you