



## **Memorandum of Understanding**

Between

ECPAT International

And

ECPAT Taiwan

And

National Chung Cheng University (CCU, Taiwan)

1. This is a Memorandum of Understanding between and among: Stichting ECPAT International, represented by the Executive Director, Dorothy Rozga, and registered as Foundation under Netherlands law (KvK 34139743) and with office address 328/1 Phayathai Road, Ratchathewi, Bangkok 10400, Thailand, ECPAT Taiwan, represented by the Chair of the Board, Hsuan-Ying Kao and the National Chung Cheng University (hereinafter referred to as CCU, Taiwan), represented by the Dean of Office of Research and Development Prof. Jack Shi-Ming Huang to facilitate the collaboration and partnership to develop an international hub of inter-disciplinary research which aims at enhancing ethical behaviors/approaches in the conduct of research on sexual exploitation of children (hereinafter referred to as 'the project'). Several University-level Research Centers and Offices of CCU (Taiwan) will be involved in the implementation of the project, including the Taiwan Legal Information Institute (Taiwan LII), the Center for Human Research Ethics (CCU-REC), and the Office of Research Ethics.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) acknowledges the partnership between ECPAT International, ECPAT Taiwan and the CCU (Taiwan) and agreement to pursue jointly the project strategies where possible recognizing that some of the proposed strategies may involve the participation of third parties who are not parties to this Memorandum of Understanding.
3. The MoU covers a three year period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 but may be amended, replaced or concluded by mutual agreement on a date before that period as initial activities, funding and completion may warrant. This MoU may be terminated



without cause by either party upon two months prior written notice. This MoU may be extended or modified by written agreement of the parties.

4. The suggested and proposed Aspirational Goals and Plans of the project and this MoU are as follows:

- Map, collate and *disseminate lessons learnt* on ethical approaches to SEC research from a systematic review of major, recent peer-reviewed literature and grey literature/research from other sources focused on SEC.
- *Promote international cooperation*, coherence and common ethics standards in the field of ethical research involving child victims or children vulnerable to SEC by offering an interactive forum to exchange knowledge.
- Provide *an independent ethics review process* to interested stakeholders globally on research protocol design and implementation, informed consent processes, child protection guidelines and other related ethical elements in the conduct of research on SEC.
- Convene and *establish a high-level international interagency/ expert advisory working group* to act as a consultative body to forge, refine and affirm an overall and universal ethical framework and associated tool sets for researching SEC.
- Advise and guide, through a *'Help Desk' function*, the design, conduct and evaluation of research and consultation (especially as experienced in the field) on the sexual exploitation of children.
- Knowledge-sharing through *the publication of academic journal articles, conference papers, newsletter etc.* on the ethical challenges and approaches involving research on SEC.
- Organise, promote and take part in research ethics *awareness and education/capacity-building activities* e.g. workshops, trainings, webinars etc.
- *Establish and populate an interactive website* specifically designed and proactively maintained to provide a repository of information and resources to assist researchers, and guide and improve research involving children affected by sexual exploitation.



5. ECPAT International therefore agrees to:

- Work towards including the project as an indicator/'measure of success' in the new ECPAT International Strategic Framework 2018 – 2021 (currently Change Goal 3 is '*Convene, broker and lead cutting-edge research, knowledge creation, and dissemination*');)
- Support the setting up of a high-level international interagency/ expert advisory working group to comprise of a diversity in experience, expertise, and institutional affiliation around research and consultation with children in vulnerable situations;
- Promote and represent the project at international advocacy events, research and policy forums;
- Support on-going fundraising efforts to develop and sustain the project;
- Give technical advice and hire short term consultants for technical support where funds allow;
- Assist with developing partnerships with international experts and academic institutions as relevant;

6. ECPAT Taiwan therefore agrees to:

- Make available for the duration and purposes of the agreement suitable office space and facilities for the project;
- Provide financial support to the greatest extent possible for the project;
- Support on-going fundraising efforts to develop and sustain the project;
- Initially employ a Taiwanese Project Coordinator on a one year contract (potentially renewable), responsible for overseeing the work points identified in point 4;
- Give technical advice and hire short term consultants for technical support where funds allow;
- Investigate and oversee any legal, governance or institutional requirements needed to support the project as based in Taiwan;



- Assist with developing partnerships with Taiwanese experts and academic institutions as relevant;

7. The CCU (Taiwan) therefore agrees to:

- Contribute to the numerated work of the MoU depending on individual expertise (note: the CCU-REC has interdisciplinary members to cover social work, education, psychology, medicine, sports, management, biology, engineering, law, criminology and crime prevention, from both the field and the academia; the Taiwan LII is a member of the Free Access to Law Movement and the Taiwan representative of the international LII coalition);
- Participate as a member in the high-level international interagency/expert advisory working group for the project;
- Assist with developing partnerships and networking with other academic institutions as relevant;

8. ECPAT International, ECPAT Taiwan and the CCU (Taiwan) will consult with each other in respect of any matter that may arise in connection with the project and this agreement.

9. The respective representatives of ECPAT International, ECPAT Taiwan and the CCU (Taiwan) have signed the present agreement:

For ECPAT International  
Dorothy Rozga  
Executive Director

For CCU (Taiwan)  
Jack Shi-Ming Huang  
Dean,  
Office of Research & Development

For ECPAT Taiwan  
Hsuan-Ying Kao  
Chair of the Board