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UP IGLR and IJM Launch Primer on the Philippines' Anti-OSAEC and Anti-CSAEM Law

The University of the Philippines (UP) Law Center – Institute of Government and Law Reform (IGLR) and International Justice Mission (IJM) Philippines launched its joint publication, *A Primer on Republic Act No. 11930 or the Anti-OSAEC and Anti-CSAEM Act*, on December 17, 2024 at the Law Library Commons, Malcolm Hall, UP College of Law.

As part of efforts to strengthen national and local response to OSAEC, the Primer was produced to provide a ready reference for lawyers, prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, social service providers, policy makers, local government actors, interest groups, and other stakeholders on the legal and policy developments involving Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM). Republic Act (RA) No. 11930 was enacted in July 2022.

“RA 11930 has taken child protection one step further not just by clearly holding responsible persons criminally liable, but also by providing key actors effective tools by which to protect, achieve justice and care for the victims. This Primer aims to ensure that duty bearers are equipped to use these tools that RA 11930 provides,” said Atty. Kathleen Piccio-Labay, Head of Manila Prosecution Development.

This milestone event follows the “[Iisang Nasyon, Iisang Aksyon: Tapusin ang OSAEC Ngayon](#)” summit held on September 16, 2024. Organized by IJM, in partnership with DOJ-IACAT and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the summit brought together President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., key national and local government leaders, and various organizations in a unified stand against OSAEC.

- The Primer includes brief discussions on the development of Philippine laws addressing OSAEC and CSAEM, salient features of RA No. 11930, a comparison between the provisions of RA No. 11930 and its predecessor, RA No. 9775 or the Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009, intersecting provisions of the law with RA No. 9208, as amended by RA No. 10364 and RA No. 11862, or the Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2022, and the effect of RA No. 11930’s repealing clause on RA No. 9775 and Sections 4(c)(1) and 4(c)(2) of RA No. 10175 or the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012.

Atty. Kathleen Piccio-Labay of IJM Philippines and Atty. Marie Catherine S. Alcantara of the IGLR spoke on behalf of the authors, while remarks were delivered by Atty. Reynaldo Bicol, Jr., IJM Manila Office Director, and Prof. Solomon F. Lumba, Associate Dean of the UP College of Law and IGLR Director. Special messages of support were given by Deputy Regional Prosecutor Barbara Mae Pagdilao-Flores, OIC Executive Director of the National Coordination Center against OSAEC and CSAEM (NCC-OSAEC-CSAEM), and by Senator Risa Hontiveros, principal author of R.A. No. 11930, via recorded video.

“As we launch this primer, let us not forget the lives it seeks to impact. Every page of this resource is aimed at rescuing and protecting children, holding perpetrators accountable, and ensuring survivors find the justice and healing they deserve. Let this be a reminder that our work does not end here—it is only beginning,” said IJM Manila Director, Atty. Reynaldo Bicol.

Department of Justice (DOJ) Undersecretary Nicholas Felix L. Ty, who authored the Foreword of the Primer, and DOJ Assistant Secretary Michelle Anne S. Lapuz were also present at the launch. The event was attended by officials from the DOJ and DSWD, as well as colleagues from the UP Law Center and IJM.

The Primer will be distributed to key government agencies and offices of local government units involved in combatting OSAEC and CSAEM. Copies will also be available for purchase at the UP Law Complex Book Room in March 2025.

This marks the second major resource launched by IJM and its partners in less than two months to strengthen the criminal justice system’s response to OSAEC.

On December 5, 2024, IJM, IACAT, and NCC-OSAEC-CSAEM released [*ALL SHIELDS UP: H.O.P.E. for Child Protection Strategies*](#)—a handbook designed to streamline casework and enhance child protection. It provides practical templates for key prosecution strategies while ensuring the safety of child victims; namely: Videotaped In-Depth Disclosure Interviews (VIDI); Maximizing Digital Evidence; Capitalizing on Financial Evidence; and Leveraging Plea Bargaining.

Alongside efforts to strengthen the criminal justice system, IJM and the Philippine government continue to drive community engagement through the national campaign “[*Bayang Walang Bahid ng OSAEC*](#)” (A Country Unblemished by OSAEC). The campaign challenges cultural norms that discourage communities from reporting OSAEC crimes, reinforcing a whole-of-society approach to child protection. ###

About IJM

International Justice Mission is a global organization that protects people in poverty from violence. IJM partners with local authorities in 33 communities in 18 countries to rescue and restore survivors, hold perpetrators accountable, and help strengthen public justice systems so they can better protect people from violence. Our work in the Philippines led to a dramatic decrease in the prevalence of sex trafficking of children in bars and brothels—reductions ranging from 72%-86% in the cities where we partnered with local authorities. In 2016, IJM fully transitioned our program in the Philippines to combat online sexual exploitation of children, in particular the trafficking of children to create new child sexual abuse materials, including via livestreaming.

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