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**COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS
(FORMERLY HUMAN TRAFFICKING)**

**POLICY STATEMENT
FOR
MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL**

The men and women of U.S. Pacific Command are deeply committed to enforcing the National Security Presidential Directive/NSPD-22. This directive states: "The policy of the United States is to attack vigorously the worldwide problem of trafficking in persons, using law enforcement efforts, diplomacy, and all other appropriate tools." We strongly support the policy of zero tolerance of trafficking of persons (TIP) or other forms of human trafficking.

As stated by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, trafficking in persons is a violation of human rights; it is cruel and demeaning; it is linked to organized crime; it undermines our peacekeeping efforts; and it is incompatible with military core values. The Secretary of Defense expressly forbids involvement with trafficked people by U.S. troops, government civilians, and defense contractors. Executive Order 13387 amended the Uniform Code of Military Justice adding a punitive Article, Paragraph 97 of Article 134, Pandering and Prostitution, and makes it a Violation Uniform Code of Military Justice (VUCMJ) for any uniformed service personnel to participate in prostitution or patronize a prostitute.

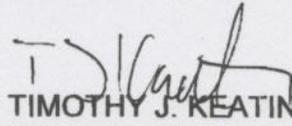
Accordingly, commanders must:

1. Ensure all troops assigned under their control or visiting the AOR, are aware of TIP and the consequences of participating in any form of TIP and/or prostitution.
2. Ensure that personnel, military and civilian, understand that it is a VUCMJ for uniformed military to participate in prostitution or patronize a prostitute.
3. Ensure that federal employees and federal contractor personnel also be held accountable for their actions if caught violating this policy.
4. Identify and place "Off Limits" any establishment displaying indicators of TIP. Ensure that restricted establishments are known to all personnel under their control or within the AOR.
5. Ensure service contracts are consistent with U.S. and host nation laws and include provisions that prohibit and punish any activities on the part of contractor employees who support or promote TIP and impose suitable action on contractors who fail to monitor the conduct of their employees.

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I need and expect the full support of military and civilian personnel, at every level, to ensure that TIP is not facilitated in any way. Trafficking in persons is unacceptable conduct and will not be tolerated. Appropriate measures shall be taken when trafficking in persons or other forms of human trafficking is reported, to include ensuring that allegations are fully investigated and that persons are held accountable for their actions as appropriate under the UCMJ and applicable law. This support should include a clear method for evaluating our efforts and progress as part of an ongoing evaluation and inspection program conducted by our Inspector General organizations.


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