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COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS
(FORMERLY HUMAN TRAFFICKING)

POLICY STATEMENT
FOR
MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

The men and women of USPACOM 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. Those who patronize this industry debase themselves and deepen the misery of others." We strongly support the policy of zero tolerance of Trafficking in 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. Other than providing assistance, U.S. troops, government civilians, and defense contractors shall refrain from involvement with trafficked persons. Executive order 13387 amended the Manual for Courts-Martial (MCM), adding pandering and prostitution as punishable offenses under paragraph 97, Article 134. The amendment criminalizes participation in prostitution or patronizing a prostitute by Service members. The Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act (MEJA) makes serious crimes committed abroad by military dependents and Department of Defense civilians/contractors punishable as if they were committed in the United States.

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 Service members understand that it is a violation of the UCMJ for uniformed military personnel to participate in prostitution or patronize a prostitute anywhere.

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3. Ensure that federal employees and federal contractor personnel understand that it is a violation of MEJA to participate in prostitution or patronize a prostitute while abroad and a violation of local laws to participate in prostitution or patronize a prostitute in the United States.

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 contractors who fail to monitor the conduct of their employees.

I 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.

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