



**Shareholder Actions:**

Encourage companies in your portfolio to participate in the Code of Conduct which would require they:

- Establish corporate ethical policy against (CST) commercial sexual exploitation of children
- Place clauses in contracts with suppliers stating a common repudiation of CST
- Report on their progress
- Train tourism personnel
- Provide relevant information to travelers
- Provide information to local "key persons" at travel destinations.
- Sign the [ECPAT](#) code of conduct.

**ICCR's Work:**

Currently, ICCR is involved in dialogues with the following companies: Carnival Corporation, Inc. Choice Hotels International, Inc., Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc., InterContinental Hotels Group PLC, Marriot International, Inc., Southwest Airlines, Co., Starwood Hotel & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. US Airways Group, Inc. Wyndham Worldwide Corp. on their specific CST policies and practices.

**Recent Success:**

Since seeking a dialogue with Marriott in 2003, ICCR has seen positive changes in the company, including their option of "Protecting Children" in their human rights policy, and to train employees on this issue of CST.

**Child Sex Tourism**

According to the U.S. Department of State, one million children are exploited each year in sex trade crimes across the world. Offenses include servitude, pornographic media, strip clubs, escort services, sex tourism, and child marriages. Child Sex Tourism (CST) occurs when persons travel from their native country to another to be involved with children through Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE), in which money or another good is exchanged for sexual activity.

**Current Efforts:**

Since its inception in 1999, 240 travel companies have signed the global Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel

Currently implemented in 23 countries, impacting 30 million people per year, this was created by Nordic tour operators, the World Tourism Organization and the NGO End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Exploitation in Travel & Tourism (ECPAT).

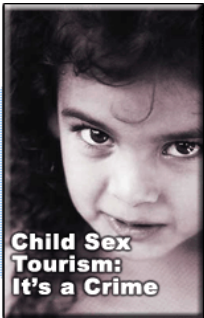
**UNICEF:** The Convention on the Rights of the Child provided the first formal and legally binding treaty to ensure and monitor the rights of children in the 192 member states.

**UN:** In 2002, the United Nations put forth their "Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking" and in 2008 appointed Joy Ngozi Ezeilo as the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children.

The UN completed its first, formal review of the United States' policies, calling for the government to create a *National Plan of Action Against the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography*, in June of 2008.

**What Can YOU Do?**

Write to your travel agency, preferred hotel, or tourism company to find out if they have signed to Code of Conduct. If not, urge them to sign on, and consider looking for other providers who have signed on until your preferred provider has signed.



See [Pope Benedict XVI's](#) support of women religious ending human trafficking.