



NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

ALCO Building
391 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue
Makati, Metro Manila



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 96-011

TO : The Chief, Philippine National Police

SUBJECT : AMENDMENT TO MC NO. 92-010 REGARDING THE GUIDELINES ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHILDREN YOUTH RELATIONS SECTION (CYRS) IN ALL MCR AND HIGHLY URBANIZED CITY POLICE STATIONS AND/OR DESIGNATION OF A CHILDREN AND YOUTH RELATIONS OFFICER (CYRO) IN OTHER POLICE STATIONS AND THE ADOPTION OF A HANDBOOK FOR POLICE OFFICERS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CHILDREN IN ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES (CEDC)

WHEREAS; Napolcom MC 92-010 directed the creation of a Children and Youth Relations Section (CYRS) in all police stations in the MCR and highly urbanized cities and all other police stations to designate a Children and Youth Relations Officer (CYRO);

WHEREAS, a proposed Bill (H.B. No. 4818) was sponsored by then Congressman Robert Z. Barbers, entitled, "An Act Creating A Special Desk In All PNP Precincts to Monitor And Handle Cases Of Child Prostitution And Sexual Abuse, Child Trafficking, Obscene Publication And Indecent Shows Involving Children As Defined And Penalized In RA 7610", which Bill was endorsed by Speaker Jose de Venecia, Jr. to the Office of the President for certification as an urgent Administration measure;

WHEREAS, the Office of the President, thru the Office of the Assistant Executive Secretary, sought comments/recommendations on the aforesaid Bill from the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Philippine National Police and the National Police Commission;

WHEREAS, after a perusal of the comments of DSWD, PNP and Napolcom, the Executive Secretary, Hon. Ruben D. Torres, did not endorse the Bill for certification of the President but instead instructed that the special desks (Child and Youth Relations Section) created in pursuance of Napolcom MC No. 92-010 be strengthened to make them more effective and that all police officers manning those desks must be trained accordingly;

WHEREFORE, premises considered Part I, paragraph B, 6 and C, 2(a), (b) and (c) of MC 92-010 are hereby amended as follows:

"B. Structure and Composition.

6. The Police Officers who shall comprise the Children and Youth Relations Section (CYRS) must be:

a) preferably those thoroughly and properly trained in the management of cases

involving Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances (CEDC);

- b) possess a character imbued with compassion, care and dedication to the cause and welfare of the children and the youth;
- c) selected from the regular members of the police force and passed the criteria provided in Part II of the Memorandum Circular.

The training must be on a continuing basis in order to establish a pool of trained personnel solely for this purpose.

C. Functions

- 2.a. Enforce laws, specifically RA 7610 (The Special Protection Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act) and ordinances relating to children and youth and the exploitation of CEDC.
- b. Receive complaints and investigate cases pertaining to CEDC and provide proper disposition geared towards the best interest and welfare of children.

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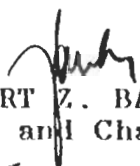
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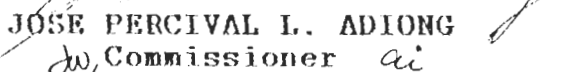
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- h. Maintain close coordination and collaboration with the other pillars of the juvenile justice system to curb the operation by individuals/groups involved in child prostitution, trafficking, lewd publications, indecent shows and other criminal activities violative of RA 7610."

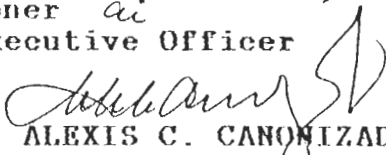
This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

Issued at Makati City, Philippines, this 23rd day of September 1996.



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 Secretary, DILG and Chairman, NAPOLCOM


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 Vice Chairman and Executive Officer


EDGAR DULA TORRES
 Commissioner


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