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MINISTRE NG EDUKASYON AT KULTURA
(MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)
Manila

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MEMORANDUM
No. 309, s. 1979

DECLARATION OF CONCERN AND APPEAL FOR ACTION

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
School Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges
and Universities

1. Inclosed is a copy of the Declaration of Concern and Appeal for Action approved by the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women on the alarming increase of prostitution and traffic in women. The Commission believes that this practice adversely affects the good image of the Filipina and threatens the stability of the Filipino home.

2. In this connection, it is urged that every effort to prevent and combat this immoral and degrading practice through education and proper guidance of our young, innocent girls be made by school authorities concerned.

3. It is desired that the contents of this Memorandum be immediately brought to the attention of all concerned.

(SGD.) OROBERTO B. CORPUA
Minister of Education and Culture

Incl.:
as stated

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1-2-3-4--(D.O. 1-76)

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DECLARATION OF CONCEPT AND APPEAL FOR ACTION

WHEREAS, the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) is the national agency established to review, evaluate and recommend measures affecting women;

WHEREAS, an alarming increase of prostitution and traffic on women is of public knowledge;

WHEREAS, the practice of sex tours reported in the foreign and local press adversely affects the image of the Filipino and threatens the stability of the Filipino family;

WHEREAS unsuspecting girls and women supposedly recruited for jobs end up in prostitution instead;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has a commitment to curb prostitution and traffic on women by treaty and under its laws, which punish such practices as crimes;

WHEREAS, the protection of women, particularly of young girls who will be future mothers, against the dangers of prostitution and traffic on women is of a national concern;

WHEREFORE, the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women -

1. Recommends to His Excellency President and Prime Minister Ferdinand E. Marcos that all agencies of government, particularly those having to do with tourism and the tourist industry, labor recruitment, education, health, welfare and law enforcement, as well as the regional autonomous governments and local officials be enjoined to exert every effort to prevent, contain and combat prostitution and traffic on women in any form;
2. Appeals to the Interim Batasang Pambansa to review the laws penalizing prostitution and traffic on women and provide stiffer penalties for those who, in violation of human rights, engage in the traffic on women;
3. Calls on all non-governmental organizations, whether religious, professional, civic, educational, cultural, trade, etc. to join and support this effort;

4. Urges all NCRWF Kalikasan sa Kamalagan units all over the country to take immediate steps to prevent unwary girls from becoming victims of the traffic in women trade and intensify income generating programs; finally

5. Appeals to parents and all concerned persons to be vigilant against the practices above denounced.

Done in Manila, Philippines, 11, October 1979.

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