

Code OF BEHAVIOR FOR THE Protection OF CHILDREN, GIRLS AND ADOLESCENTS AGAINST THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL Exploitation IN TRIPS AND TOURISM

Us, the Natural company Lodge Caño Negro.

Considering that the exploitation of human beings, in anyone in their ways, especially the sexual one, and in particular when it affects children, girls and adolescents, it harms the fundamental objectives of the tourism and it constitutes a negation of their essence; and

Aided in international instruments as the Convention on the Boy's Rights, ratified by Costa Rica in 1990; the Agreement 182 on the Prohibition in the worst Ways in Infantile Work of the International Organization of the Work, ratified by Costa Rica in 2001; the Declaration of Estocolmo against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of the Children, of 1996; the Code Ethical World cup for the Tourism of the World Organization of the Tourism and the Declaration of Yokohama, both of the 2001; and

In execution of the legal dispositions that sustain the obligation of the Costa Rican State and of all their citizens, of guaranteeing the protection and the execution of the rights of people smaller than age that you/they inhabit their territory, such as the Political Constitution of the Republic of 1949, the Code of the Childhood and the Adolescence of 1998, and the Law against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of People smaller than Age, of 1999, and other related laws; and acting

With the full guarantee of our ADMINISTRATIVE JOIN and workers' body that we conform it, formally declare that:

1. **we reject** the commercial sexual exploitation of girls, children and adolescents in Costa Rica and in the world, in general and in particular in their modality associated to trips and tourism, to be a behavior that injures the fundamental rights of these people and that it is in all contrary to the intrinsic objectives of the tourist activity which are, to foment the peace, the human rights, the mutual understanding, the respect for all the towns and cultures, and the sustainable development,

2. **we denounce** and we condemn those who are been worth of the tourist activity and of the facilities and services that he offers, to promote, to facilitate or to tolerate the occurrence of children's

commercial sexual exploitation, girls and adolescents; and by virtue of that exposed

We solve:

To subscribe the present Code of Behavior for the Protection of Children, Girls and Adolescents against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation in the Tourism that will be governed by the following clauses:

Article 1. Object: The present Code is a formal declaration of free adhesion that has for object to establish the behavior norms for all the people that we work in the Natural company Lodge Black Pipe, guided to protect the girls, children and adolescents against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation associated to trips and tourism.

Article 2. Definitions: For all the effects of this Code we adopt the following definitions:

Person smaller than Age: he understands each other for person smaller than age the person that has not turned the eighteen years, according to the Code of the Childhood and Adolescence, Law 7739.

Commercial Sexual exploitation of Girls, Children and Adolescents are a violation to the rights of the childhood and the adolescence; a modality of abuse that not implies alone the sexual victimization of a person smaller than age on the part of other, but the obtaining of a remuneration in money or in species like product of this victimization; a contemporary form of slavery; and a forced generating activity of revenues and harmful for the society and for the tourist sector. It includes the prostitution, the traffic and the pornography in which people are involved smaller than age.

Sexual tourism: it is the sexual exploitation of people smaller than age in their residence country on the part of foreigners that visit the country in travelers' quality or tourists. It includes the promotion of the country like accessible point for the unpunished exercise of this activity, in charge of national or foreigners.

Article 3. Obligations: by virtue of the present Code people that we conform the Natural Company Lodge Black Pipe, commit to take the appropriate measures to protect people smaller than age against the

commercial sexual exploitation associated to trips and tourism, for that which

- a. we will Make public an ethical politics manifesting the position of rejection of the company in what refers to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Girls, Children and Adolescents.
- b. we will Qualify the personnel of the company so that he knows and behave of conformity with the practices and politicians adopted by this Company for the protection of the girls, children and adolescents against the commercial sexual exploitation; and for the appropriate handling of situations of this nature that they are presented in the exercise of works. The workers and workers of the company will act as preventive agents of this problem, having like principle the rector that of the interest of people smaller than affected age.
- c. we will Inform by means of the placement of external symbols to our clients and suppliers on our position of rejection to the commercial sexual exploitation of people smaller than age.
- d. we will Present an annual report to the Costa Rican Association of Professionals in Tourism and to the Costa Rican Association of Operators of Tourism, with copy to the Fundación Paniamor like affiliated organization to ECPAT International for Costa Rica that contains a report of the actions that the company has carrying out in this field.

Article 4. Receivers. The World Organization of the Tourism, ECPAT International, the Fundación Paniamor, the Costa Rican Association of Operators of Tourism and the Costa Rican Association of Professionals in Tourism, they will be the receivers of a copy of the Presente Código, signed in original.

In the above-mentioned faith, we sign in seven points, in San José's city, Costa Rica, to the 11:00am hours of the 3 of March of two thousand six.

Manager of the Company SIGNS