

ITEM B.111
FOR ACTION

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Subject: Comment to the 221st GA (2014) - Overture 016 “On Encouraging Use of the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation. – From Presbytery of New York City

Recommendation:

That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following comment on Overture 016 “On Encouraging Use of the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation. – From Presbytery of New York City

Comment:

This overture affirms the work of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and Presbyterian Women being done through the Human Trafficking Roundtable <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/human-trafficking/>. The Human Trafficking Roundtable is a collaborative programmatic effort that works to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children with ECPAT-USA (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking) and ECPAT-International. This Roundtable was created in response to previous General Assembly actions calling on the church to condemn the international trafficking and sexual exploitation of women and children. <http://apps.pcusa.org/ga217/business/overtures/ovt1905.htm> <http://www.pc-biz.org/MeetingPapers/%28S%28zvdsf4j0l3qiatt4fkqoc%29%29/IOBView.aspx?m=ro&id=1539&promoid=7>

This overture asks the agencies of the church and all Presbyterians to use companies that have signed the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism <http://www.thecode.org/>

It also encourages the programs and ministries of the Presbyterian Church to engage in education and provide opportunities for advocacy with tourism businesses that have not yet adopted the code of conduct. There are resources available to those who would like to engage in advocacy, including a card that individuals can leave with hotels, airlines, and others in the travel industry to encourage them to sign on to the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism. <https://www.pcusa.org/blogs/swords-plowshares/2013/5/1/ecpat-code/> The PCUSA are the first denomination to co-brand the Code of Conduct card.