



Republic of the Philippines
NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE
HUMAN RIGHTS AFFAIRS OFFICE
Camp BGen Rafael T Crame, Quezon City



MEMORANDUM

FOR : RDs, PROs
(Attn: RPHROs)

FROM : Acting Chief, HRAO

SUBJECT : **Advisory re: Prostitution**

DATE : November 27, 2020

1. References:

- a. LOI 55/07 "PAMANA"- PNP Human Rights Development Program;
- b. Enacting the Anti-Prostitution Law: Amending Articles 202 and 341 of the Revised Penal Code (RPC);
- c. Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948);
- d. PNP Ethical Doctrine and Republic Act (RA) 6713; and
- e. Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees.

2. International Human Rights Law qualifies prostitution as a violation of human rights; respect for human dignity is a fundamental human right and a constituent principle of the United Nations System. The very first sentence of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) states that "**recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world**". Prostitution is recognized as a violation of human dignity under human rights law. In its preamble, the UN 1949 convention states that prostitution and traffic in persons are "incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person".

3. Police officers must conduct themselves properly in accordance with the PNP Ethical Doctrine and Republic Act (RA) 6713 or Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, and a violation of which is tantamount to Grave Misconduct that is punishable by dismissal from the service.

Section 3.1 of the PNP Ethical Doctrine and the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethical Standards, which provides:

"PNP members shall adhere to high standards of morality and decency and shall set good examples for others to follow. In no instance during their terms of office, among other things, shall they be involved as owners, operators, managers or investors in any house of ill-repute or illegal gambling den or other places devoted to vices, nor they shall patronize such places unless on official duty, and tolerate operations of such establishments in their respective areas of responsibilities."

4. In this regard all PNP Personnel should not go to nor patronize nightclubs, beer houses, karaoke bars, including establishments of ill-repute, illegal gambling dens, and other places devoted to vices.

5. For widest dissemination.

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