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SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF THE OLD PTC SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE AS THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROTECTION UNIT OFFICE OF THE PORT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES THERETO

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## MESSAGE:

Sea-going ships have been identified as one of the modes of transporting human trafficking victims and the Port of Cagayan de Oro is identified as one of the gateways in Region 10 used by unscrupulous person and/or traffickers in perpetrating their activities. The prevalence of human trafficking victimizing women. children and less-privileged persons using the Port of Cagayan de Oro had been evidenced by past incidents and cases filed in court by government authorities.

Thus, there's a need to establish a unit and facility that can monitor, detect and intercept human trafficking activities and provide assistance to trafficked persons and victims of other forms of gender-based violence within the port premises in support to the Regional Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (RIACAT).

In view of the foregoing and in line with the continuing implementation of International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and other laws appertaining to protection of women and children against violence and in order to establish procedures on proper handling of gender-based violence cases that transpired within the port premises, this Office hereby activates its Women and Children Protection Unit (WCPU) and designates the old PTC Supervisor's Office as the WCPU Office located at the inner portion of Gate 1B of the Passenger Terminal Complex of the Port of Cagayan de Oro.

Thus, the following guidelines are hereby prescribed and adopted:

1. The WCPU Office shall be manned 24/7 by a female personnel from Port Police

Division (PPD) of this PMO and the duty officer shall immediately respond to any gender-based violence cases brought before it;

- The WCPU duty officer shall conduct the appropriate initial investigation upon receipt of complaint, which include but is not limited to, taking of formal statement of the victim-survivor and witnesses and collecting other evidence necessary for possible filing of appropriate case in court;
- Ensure the confidentiality of identity of the victim-survivor and all other parties directly involved with the case under investigation. For this purpose, the WCPU officer must maintain a separate record book on gender-based violence cases and under no circumstances shall any non-essential port security personnel can access to information concerning the reported gender-based violence case;
- Coordinate with and refer the cases to the appropriate government agencies/institutions and other service providers which can provide assistance to victim/s of trafficking;
- 5. All complaints/issues lodged at WCPU shall be reported to the PMOs Command Center for its subsequent dissemination to the top management and other concerned division/unit of this PMO;
- 6. Perform other tasks as may be directed by the Port Manager or Station Commander;

The operation of WCPU shall be under the direct supervision of Port Police Division thru the PPD Manager/Station Commander.

For information, guidance and ready reference.

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