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The Lord Hylton  
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Dear Lord Hylton,

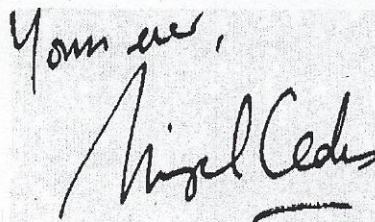
Thank you for your letter of 16 June, and attached letter from Rev. S Cullen of the Preda Foundation, regarding the online sexual exploitation of children in the Philippines.

The UK takes child sexual abuse and exploitation, including online sexual exploitation, extremely seriously. We have regular dialogue with the Philippine Government on this issue. We are an active member of the Technical Working Group on Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC), established under the Manila International Dialogue on Human Trafficking. We have supported work to enhance the implementation of Republic Act 10175 on cybercrime prevention.

We continue to press for the full implementation of Republic Act 9775 on child pornography crime, including the cooperation of Internet Security Providers in achieving this.

The National Crime Agency (NCA) also work directly with Filipino partners in the fight against online sexual exploitation, including training on the forensic analysis of digital media. NCA work includes collaborating with international partners to support capacity building in the Philippines National Police, focusing on technical support and operational intelligence sharing.

We remain committed to working with the Philippine government to combat these crimes.

Yours ever,  


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**Child Pornography and Internet Servers in Philippines**

I attach an update from Rev S Cullen and the Preda Foundation. I have known him over many years.

The issue he raises, which is an urgent human rights one, has been running for a long time, and is still neglected by the current President. Is it one, with which you are familiar?

Please use every possible channel to get the relevant Philippines law properly enforced. It is appalling that these abuses have gone on for so long, causing serious damage to the exploited children, from which some may never recover.

Please get as much publicity for this issue as you can.

Yours sincerely

Hylton

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