

SUMMARY TABLE OF NATIONAL INITIATIVES ON TOPIC B	
SUMMARY TABLE FOR: PHILIPPINES	
WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN	
National Initiative/s	Areas for Possible Common Legislation
<p>I. Republic Act 7610 - Special Protection of Children Against Abuse , Exploitation and Discrimination Act</p> <p>Under RA No. 7610 “child abuse” refers to the maltreatment, whether habitual or not of the child which includes any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Psychological and physical abuse, neglect, cruelty, sexual abuse and emotional maltreatment; 2. Any act by deeds or words which debases, degrades or demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being; 3. Unreasonable deprivation of his basic needs for survival, such as food and shelter; or 4. Failure to immediately give medical treatment to an injured child resulting in serious impairment of his growth and development or in his permanent incapacity or death. <p>The definition seems all-inclusive and encompasses all possible circumstances which may fall within the purview of child abuse. Under the same law, the penalties for child abuse range from imprisonment of one month to life imprisonment.</p>	<p>Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Common Definition – “Child Abuse” 2. Common Set of Penalties

<p>II. Republic Act No. 9775 otherwise known as the Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009</p> <p>Under the Philippines’s Republic Act No. 9775 otherwise known as the Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009, the phrase “child pornography” refers to any representation, whether visual, audio or written combination thereof, by electronic, mechanical, digital, optical, magnetic or any other means, of a child engaged or involved in real or simulated explicit sexual activities.”</p> <p>Under the same law, other terms are likewise defined such “explicit sexual activity”, “luring” and “pandering”; and an enumeration of unlawful or prohibited acts in connection therewith.</p> <p>Again, for our purposes it is suggested that we come up with a common definition of what “child pornography” is, and we can start from there.</p> <p>Under Philippine law, the penalties for child pornography range from imprisonment of one month to life imprisonment and fines ranging from Fifty Thousand to Five Million Pesos.</p>	<p>Protection of Children From Pornography</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Common Definition – “Child Pornography”2. Common Set of Penalties
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