

GRAN PARADISE SAMANA

## AMHSA MARINA AND UNICEF



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### Santo Domingo, September 2016

AMHSA Marina and UNICEF signed an agreement to protect children from commercial sexual exploitation.

Amhsa Marina is the first Dominican hotel company to sign an agreement with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), with the Host Heart initiative and the Code of Conduct to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and adolescents in the tourist areas bordering their resorts.

Through the signing of the Code of Conduct, the collaborators of all its resorts will receive UNICEF awareness talks on the sexual exploitation of children. The company also undertakes to introduce a clause in the contracts with its suppliers in which they declare their common rejection of this crime and will inform the tourists about the hotel's rejection of any child exploitation practice.

In addition, through the Host Heart initiative, Amhsa Marina will invite its clients to join the protection of children through donations that will be invested in the UNICEF Program against violence, abuse, and exploitation of children and adolescents.

UNICEF Representative Rosa Elcarte said that working in partnership with the private sector to achieve changes in the lives of all children was of vital importance and she appreciated the determination and commitment of the hotel chain.

"Children in the Dominican Republic are everyone's business and tourism companies have a huge responsibility to contribute through their social responsibility policies measures that favor their protection, well-being, and development. That is why we are very pleased to seal this important agreement," said Elcarte.

The Executive President of Amhsa Marina, Luis Rafael López, expressed the firm commitment of the chain to support any initiative that promotes the protection of a dignified life. "Today, we reaffirm to be part of the solution," he said.

The agreement was signed by Rosa Elcarte and Luis Rafael López, at the corporate offices of Amhsa Marina Hotels & Resorts in Santo Domingo.