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*Transcribed below is an extract of the action plan formulated by the Directorate of Women & Child Development, Government of Goa.*

1. *Action plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings 2008-09.*
2. *Action plan for Goa's Children's Act 2003, 2008-09.*
  - i) *Under the provisions of Goa Children's Act all the hoteliers and travel/tour operators shall ensure that Children booked for stay are accompanied by relatives and /or legitimate guardians and the hotels and beaches accessible through them are safe for children.*
  - ii) *Suspected cases of trafficking in women & children should be promptly reported.*

*Further under section 8(10) of GCA 2003, Onus on Establishment:-*

- a) *All hotels and other establishments which provide boarding or lodging or any similar facility shall ensure that children are safe and not at risk of child abuse within their premises including all adjoining beaches, parks etc. if they have access from such establishment.*
- b) *No child shall be allowed to enter any room of any hotel or establishment which provides boarding or lodging or any similar facility unless the child is registered as staying in that room with family, relatives or persons related by blood:*

*Provided that nothing in this Sub-Section will be deemed to apply to reasonable areas such as group of school children accompanied by a teacher (s), children who may be staying with their friends and their families etc.*
- c) *All Hotels and other establishments which provide boarding or lodging or any similar facility shall ensure that no child has access to any internet facilities which are not fitted with filters and to any objectionable material including through film or videos, disc-players, cable or any other medium provided by that establishment.*
- d) *The Owner and the Manager of the hotel or establishment shall be held solely responsible for any contravention of this section.*

*For strict Compliance by all concerned.*

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