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## Against Child Abuse (ACA) expresses concern over the emergence of childlike sex dolls and related products (11 December 2025)

Against Child Abuse (ACA) expresses deep concern over the recent emergence of childlike sex dolls and related products in the market. These products not only carry explicit child pornography characteristics but may also foster the objectification and sexualization of children, even "normalize" child pornography imagery, and weaken society's sensitivity and zero-tolerance stance toward child sexual violence. We worry that such phenomena threaten children's safety and dignity, and run counter to the spirit of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which guarantees protection from all forms of sexual exploitation and abuse.

## Negative social impacts of using children as sexual projections:

- Blurring society's protective boundaries for children, misleading some individuals into believing that linking child imagery with sexual behavior is acceptable.
- Increasing exploitation risks: It may stimulate or reinforce deviant desires, raising the risk of children being sexually assaulted or exploited.
- Undermining social values: Children are a group in need of protection. If society tolerates such products, it will seriously erode the core values of respecting and safeguarding children.
- Impacting the younger generation: Young people exposed to such products may misunderstand the relationship between sex and children, affecting their sexual concepts, relational values, and psychological development. It may weaken children's awareness of self-protection and increase their risk of experiencing sexual harassment, sextortion, and sexual violence both offline and online.

## The appeals made by ACA:

- The government should review the scope of existing laws protecting children, to ensure they meet the needs of social development.
- Government departments should strengthen regulation, ban sex products involving child imagery, and strictly enforce existing law, including the Prevention of Child



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Pornography Ordinance (Cap. 579).

- E-commerce platforms and retailers must shoulder social responsibility, establish strict review mechanisms, and remove or refuse to sell sex dolls and related products with childlike features.

- Public education should be enhanced to raise awareness of the risks of child sexualization and relevant laws. The public should remain vigilant, refuse to purchase such products, and report suspicious cases.

## **Concluding appeal:**

ACA emphasizes that children must not be used as sexual projections or commodified in any form. We call on the government, industry, and the public to jointly take responsibility, fully ban and resist such products, and safeguard children's safety, building a safe and healthy environment for their growth. This issue directly concerns the risks of child sexual violence, victim trauma, social values, and trust in the rule of law. It is a systemic crisis that must be firmly curbed by collective action from government, industry, and society.

At the same time, we urge the media, when reporting on such incidents, to avoid repeatedly highlighting product details or images. Instead, focus on discussions of children's rights, legal frameworks, and social responsibility, and provide parents with guidance on how to talk to their children about online pornography and child protection.

**Against Child Abuse** 

