



# CODE OF ETHICS

## FOR THOSE ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF PROSTITUTION

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Sex workers and those who are responsible for the areas designated for prostitution, who adhere to this code, are committed to applying its principles and its preventive social and health measures and respect for human rights.

### 2. GENERAL PRINCIPLE

The currently applicable legal basis <sup>1</sup> and conditions for authorisation<sup>2</sup> are respected by the sex worker and the manager.

Prostitution is unconstrained when it is exercised outside a relationship of subordination with regard to choosing this activity, the working conditions and remuneration, where the sex worker takes his/her own responsibility and is paid in full.

### 3. HUMAN HEALTH

- 3.1. Only protected sex is allowed.
- 3.2. Condoms are available either free or at cost price.
- 3.3. Rules of Safe Sex are displayed.
- 3.4. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) developed by the advisory committee in the field of prostitution is made available to the sex workers and the clients.
- 3.5. There is no incitement to consume alcohol.
- 3.6. Any use of drugs is prohibited in areas designated for prostitution.

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<sup>1</sup> [Law of 17 march 2010 on exercising prostitution \(RSF 940.2\)](#) et [ordonnance du 23 novembre 2010 on exercising prostitution \(RSF 940.21\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> Articles 6-13 de la loi sur l'exercice de la prostitution (RSF 940.2)

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#### **4. RESPECT, DIGNITY AND SECURITY**

- 4.1. Those responsible for areas designated for prostitution and sex workers have mutual respect for each other.
- 4.2. Sex workers have the right to refuse service.
- 4.3. Those responsible for areas designated for prostitution shall ensure that sex workers do their activity in complete freedom, without being subjected to any form of constraint.
- 4.4. Those responsible for areas designated for prostitution make sure that no minor (less than 18 years of age) exercises prostitution in his/her premises.
- 4.5. No form of constraint is tolerated. Such acts will be reported.
- 4.6. Those responsible for areas designated for prostitution guarantee the security of sex workers and will call the cantonal Police when necessary.
- 4.7. Those responsible for areas designated for prostitution give information on the conditions of activity inside the room in a language which is understood by the sex worker.
- 4.8. A sex worker can stop his/her activity at any moment and without any justification.