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Press Release

ANDREA CASIRAGHI REACHES OUT TO THE PHILIPPINES

The son of H.R.H. The Princess of Hanover visits Filipino branch of Monegasque NGO AMADE to raise awareness on imprisoned and street children, juvenile mothers and victims of toxic US military waste

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Monaco / Manila, Philippines - Mr. Andrea Casiraghi, son of H.R.H. The Princess of Hanover (née H.S.H. Princess Caroline of Monaco), is expected in the Philippines this week to visit development projects of the Filipino branch of AMADE Mondiale (short for World Association of Children's Friends) – a non-profit child-advocacy organisation based in Monaco - AMADE Philippines and its partner the Virlanie Foundation.

Andrea Casiraghi, a young philanthropist at 22 years of age, will be visiting AMADE Philippines and Virlanie Foundation projects for children in and around Manila. As His mother in 2004, he will also visit the two former US Naval bases Clark and Subic and the children and families that live in the surrounding areas as a gesture of support to Alliance for Bases Clean Up. Since 1992 ABC International, a partner organisation of AMADE Mondiale, battles for the rehabilitation of these sites that are contaminated by toxic US military waste and provides assistance to the victims who suffer from disabilities and malformations.

AMADE Mondiale, founded in 1963 by Princess Grace of Monaco and chaired since 1993 by H.R.H. The Princess of Hanover, seeks to promote and protect children's rights on an international level. The association was set up with the aim to develop and support humanitarian aid programmes, and foster ethical and legal reflection in the area of the rights of the child.

All around the world AMADE Mondiale and its 16 local representatives advocate for the protection of children's rights wherever these are intellectually, morally or physically endangered, without distinction of gender, race, religion, language, culture, social background or political opinion.

The Filipino branch of AMADE Mondiale, AMADE Philippines, was created in 1999 and collaborates closely with the Virlanie Foundation on projects and programmes such as the Children's Legal Rights Office, which caters for legal needs of imprisoned children, and the Mother and Child program, which provides shelter for juvenile mothers and their children.

The Virlanie Foundation - a unique socio-civic organization established in 1992 operating on a pioneering community reintegration approach - has grown from a shelter for homeless children to a growing network of 14 homes that takes care of over 300 street children. To this date the foundation has touched the lives of thousands of children who have been victims of various forms of abuse and exploitation from the street, jail, prostitution, syndicates and even from their own abusive families and relatives.

During his visit to the Philippines, Mr. Andrea Casiraghi will be accompanied by the Secretary General of AMADE Mondiale Mr. Francis Kasasa, the President of AMADE Philippines Attn. Eric Mallonga, Virlanie Foundation's Founder and President Mr. Dominique Lemay, Board Member and Chairwoman Mrs. Marietta Santos, and members Ms. Josine Elizalde, Ms. Deeda Garcia Dr. Tony Protacio.

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