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Legislation of Interpol member states on sexual offences against children

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I. Ages for legal purposes

Age of simple majority

The legal age of majority is eighteen (18) years.

Age of consent for sexual activity

The legal age of consent for sexual activity is sixteen (16) years.

Age of consent for marriage

The legal age of consent for marriage is eighteen (18) years.

II. Other forms of child sex abuse

'Sexual intercourse with children'

Criminal Law Amendment Act Chapter 19 as amended by the Criminal Law Amendment Act N° 36 of 1976

'Any person who unlawfully and carnally knows any girl under the age of fourteen (14) years shall be guilty of a felony and shall be liable to be imprisoned for life.'

'Incest'

Offence against the Person Act Chapter 56 Section 74 as amended by the Law Reform (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act N°7 of 1990

'Any person commits the offence of incest who, knowing that another person is by blood relationship, his or her parent, child, brother, sister, grand parent, grand child, uncle, niece, aunt or nephew, as the case may be, has sexual intercourse with that person.'

A person who commits the offence of incest is liable on conviction to imprisonment:

- a) If committed by an adult with a person under sixteen (16) years of age, for life
- b) If committed by an adult with a person sixteen (16) years of age or more, for ten (10) years
- c) If committed between minors fourteen (14) years of age or more for two (2) years.'

Amendment (05.06.1991)

'A person commits an offence who, knowing that another person is his adopted child, step-child, foster-child or ward has sexual intercourse with that person is liable on conviction to the punishment provided for in respect of a conviction for the offence of incest'.

Offences against the Person Act Chapter 56 Section 57 of the Laws of the Federation

'Whosoever attempts to commit the said abominable crime, or is guilty of any assault with intent to commit the same, or of any indecent assault upon any male person, is guilty of misdemeanour, and being convicted thereof shall be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding four (4) years with or without hard labour.'

III. Child prostitution

No information has been received in connection with this offence.

IV. Child pornography

No information has been received in connection with this offence.

V. Internet

There is no specific law which covers crimes against children using the Internet.