

National Laws

Legislation of Interpol member states on sexual offences against children

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I. Ages for legal purposes

Age of simple majority

According to the Civil Code of the Azerbaijan Republic, possibility for the citizens to obtain civil rights by his/her actions and to undertake civil responsibilities (also known as civil capability), occurs from the moment of attaining majority only, it is to say from the age of eighteen (18) years.

Age of consent for sexual activity

Current legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic makes no provisions with regard to the age of sexual interrelationship.

Age of consent for marriage

The age of consent for marriage is eighteen years for males as well as females according to the Code of Family of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

II. Rape

Criminal punishments for sexual offences against juveniles (minors) have been stipulated by the criminal code of the Republic of Azerbaijan adopted on 01/09/2000:

Article 149

Rape refers to sexual intercourse committed by means of physical violence or threat of physical violence, as well as by means of abusing helpless state of the victim.

Penalty imposed: 4-8 years of imprisonment;

Rape committed by a group of people with special cruelty, or rape of a minor shall be punished by 5-10 years of imprisonment;

Same offences entailed infection with aids virus, as well as rape of juvenile (minor) shall be punished by 8-15 years imprisonment.

III. Other forms of child sex abuse

Article 150

Forcing of juvenile (minor) into sexual intercourse or satisfaction of sexual passion in other form using violence or abusing depending state of the victim shall be punished by 5-8 years of imprisonment.

Article 152

Sexual intercourse with the person below the age of 16 years-old, as well as the same offences linked with satisfaction of sexual passion in perverted forms shall be punished by imprisonment up to 3 years.

Article 153

Commission of debauched offences without use of violence against person below the age of 14 years-old shall be punished by fine, conditionally-corrective work up to 2 years or imprisonment up to 2 years.

IV. Child prostitution

Article 171

Involvement of juveniles (minors) in prostitution or any indecent conduct by means of violence or threat shall be punished by 4-8 years of imprisonment.

V. Child pornography

Article 242

Manufacture, dissemination or advertising of pornographic works, publications, imprints and images, together with other subjects of pornography, as well as for their trades or storage with the view of trades. Penalty imposed: conditionally-corrective work up to 2 years or fine.

