

National Laws

Legislation of Interpol member states on sexual offences against children

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Certain articles in the Criminal Code of Turkmenistan and others establish criminal liability for offences against minors.

I. Ages for legal purposes

The age of majority is sixteen (16) years. Persons who committed crimes when they were 14 years of age are subject to the criminal liability for intentional murder and other serious forms of intentional crimes (i.e. drugs, guns, destruction of property, robbery, etc.), according to the Article 21 of Criminal Code of Turkmenistan.

The Article 16 of the "Marriage and Family Code of Turkmenistan" establishes the age of consent to marriage at 16 (sixteen) years.

II. Rape

III. Other forms of child sex abuse

The government of Turkmenistan pays great attention to the protection of women and children not only from the economic exploitation but also from any kind of sexual abuse. The Criminal Code of Turkmenistan establishes criminal liability for offences against juveniles (under 16 years old) such as: rape, sexual intercourse with minors, buggery and lecherous acts committed against juveniles. Specifically, the Articles 135, 138, 139, 140, 143, 144 of the Code enact criminal liability for involvement of minors into prostitution as well as organizing and running of brothels for the purposes of engagement in prostitution.

The Article 29 («Protection of a Child from Obscenities») of the Law of Turkmenistan «About the Guarantees of a Child's Rights», adopted in July 05, 2002, the State secures the rights of women and children from any kind of sexual abuse by means of application of existing legislation and established system of its enforcement.

It is prohibited to demonstrate, rent, sell, grant and duplicate toys, films, audio and video recordings, literature, newspapers, magazines and other printed materials for children which directly encourage them or advocate war, brutal treatment, violence, racial and religious discrimination or discrimination on the basis of sex and age or any other way which may harm child's intellectual and moral development.

In order to ensure life safety and protection of health and morals of a child, as well as his/her protection from negative influences a thorough examination of facilities and subjects are conducted on the basis determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan.

IV. Child prostitution

V. Child pornography

Illegal production of pornographic materials or objects for the purposes of distribution or advertisement; and trade in printings, movies or videos, depictions or other objects of a pornographic nature alike, are punishable in accordance with the Article 164 of the Criminal Code of Turkmenistan.