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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 age of simple majority for criminal responsibility is ten (10) years and above for both males and females.

Age of consent for sexual activity

The age of consent for sexual activity is sixteen (16) years and above for both males and females.

Age of consent for marriage

The age of consent for marriage is eighteen (18) years for both males and females under Civil Law. Persons below the age of eighteen (18) years of age need consent from the Ruler or Head of the Religious Department (for Moslems).

II. Rape and other forms of child sex abuse

The offence of rape and other forms of child sex abuse are punishable under Sections 376 and 376 B of the Penal Code, as well as the Child Act, 2001.

III. Child prostitution

The Sections 372, 372A, 372B and 373 of the Penal Code criminalize offences pertaining to child prostitution.

IV. Child pornography

Malaysia does not have specific legislation against child pornography. Such offences are dealt with under the Penal Code and the Child Act, 2001.

V. Internet

Malaysia does not yet have specific legislation against Internet-related sexual offences. The aforementioned legislative texts are applicable for such crimes.