



CR Art. 29

Sexual Offences Against Children

TITLE 04 — OFFENCES AGAINST PERSONS AND DIGNITY · CHAPTER 03 — SEXUAL OFFENCES

- 1 The age of sexual consent is 18, corresponding to the age of majority as defined in [Article 9](#) of the Civil Code.
 - 2 Any national who commits any of the following acts commits an offence:
 - a. Performing any sexual act with or upon a person under the age of 18.
 - b. Soliciting or grooming a person under the age of 18 for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity, including through digital means.
 - c. Producing, distributing, possessing, or accessing child sexual abuse material, being any visual, audio, or textual material depicting a person under the age of 18 in a sexual manner.
 - d. Causing or facilitating the sexual exploitation of a child.
 - 3 **Close-in-age exception.** Where both persons involved are aged 16 or 17, and the act is consensual and non-exploitative, no offence under paragraph 2(1) is committed. This exception does not apply to any conduct described in paragraph 2(2), 2(3), or 2(4).
 - 4 An offence under this Article is classified as a **grave** offence.
 - 5 A person convicted of an offence under this Article is liable to the following sanctions, in accordance with [Article 10](#):
 - a. A fine not exceeding \$500,000.
 - b. Public censure.
 - c. Permanent exclusion from all State services.
 - d. Forfeiture of all materials and proceeds connected with the offence.
 - e. Revocation of honours.
 - 6 There is no limitation period for offences under this Article, in accordance with [Article 14](#).
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- 7** A conviction under this Article constitutes a conviction for "exploitation" within the meaning of [Article 13\(4\)\(d\)](#) of the Civil Code and bars the convicted person from appointment as guardian.

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