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Cyberviolence Against Children and Women in the Republic of Moldova

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Offences against children:

Art. 175 (Perverted actions)

Perverted actions committed against a person certainly known to be under the age of 16, consisting of exhibition, indecent touching, obscene or cynical discussions with the victim regarding sexual intercourse, determining the victim to participate or assist pornographic performances, making pornographic material available to the victim, as well as other sexual acts,

shall be punished by imprisonment from 3 to 7 years.





Art. 175/1 (Enticement of a minor for sexual purposes)

(1) Proposing, convincing, manipulating, threatening, promising to provide benefits in any form, including through information technology or electronic communications, in order to arrange a meeting with a minor for the purpose of committing against him/her any crime against sexual life, if these actions were followed by material facts leading to such a meeting, shall be punished by imprisonment from 2 to 6 years.

(2) The same actions performed:

a) against a minor in a situation of helplessness, which is due to an illness or disability; [...] shall be punished by imprisonment from 3 to 8 years.





Art. 206 (Trafficking in children, for the purpose of sexual exploitation)

(1) The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of a child, as well as giving or receiving payments or benefits to obtain the consent of the person who exerts control over the child for the purpose of:

a) commercial or non-commercial sexual exploitation; [...] shall be punished by imprisonment from 10 to 12 years [...].

(2) The same actions involving:

a) physical and/or mental violence, use of firearm or threat of its use;

b) sexual abuse and/or violence;

c) taking advantage of abuse of authority or of child's situation of vulnerability, threatening to disclose confidential information to child's family or other persons; [...]

shall be punished by imprisonment from 10 to 15 years [...].

(3) The actions set forth in par. (1) or (2):

b) committed against two or more children; [...]

e) causing severe bodily injury or mental disorder of the child or his/her death or suicide; shall be punished by imprisonment from 15 to 20 years [...].





Art. 208/1 (Child pornography)

The production, distribution, broadcasting, import, export, offering, sale, procurement, exchange, use, or possession of pictures or of other images of one or more children involved in explicit, real, or simulated sexual activities or pictures or other images of genital organs of a child represented in a lustful or indecent manner including in electronic version shall be punished by imprisonment from 1 to 3 years [...].





Art. 208/2 (Resorting to prostitution practiced by a child)

Receiving sexual services provided by a person known to be under the age of 18, for any material benefits

shall be punished by imprisonment from 3 to 7 years.





Offences against adults:

Art. 165 (Trafficking in human beings)

(1) The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of an adult person, with or without his/her consent, for the purpose of commercial or non-commercial sexual exploitation, for forced labor or services, for begging, for obtaining social aids, allowances or benefits, for illegal use in medical or scientific tests or experiments, for exploitation in slavery or similar conditions, for use in armed conflicts or criminal activities, for the removal of human organs, tissues or cells, as well as for using a woman as a surrogate mother or for reproductive purposes, committed by:

a) use of violence not dangerous to person's life and health, threat of use of violence;

b) kidnapping;

e) threat to disclose confidential information to victim's family or other natural or legal persons;

g) the abuse of vulnerability or abuse of power, giving or receiving payments or benefits to get the consent of a person controlling another person,

shall be punished by imprisonment for 5 to 12 years [...].

[...]





Offences against adults and children:

Art. 173 (Sexual harassment)

Sexual harassment, that is the manifestation of physical, verbal, or nonverbal behavior that harms a person's dignity or creates an unpleasant, hostile, degrading, humiliating, discriminatory, or insulting atmosphere in order to determine a person to sexual intercourse or other undesirable sexual activities, committed by threat, coercion, blackmail, shall be punished by [...] imprisonment for up to 3 years.





Art. 177 (Violation of privacy)

(1) Illegally collecting or deliberately disseminating legally protected information about personal life that is a personal or family secret of another person without his/her consent



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Art. 189 (Blackmail)

(1) Blackmail, meaning the demand for the transmission of goods of the owner, possessor, or holder or of the rights over such goods or for commission of other actions of a patrimonial nature involving threats of violence against the person, his/her relatives or close persons, of dissemination of defamatory information about these persons, or of the destruction of the goods of the owner, possessor, holder, or of kidnapping the owner, possessor, holder, their relatives or close persons

shall be punished by [...] imprisonment from 3 to 5 years.



Summarizing the manipulation methods











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