# Ecuador

# National Child Protection Legislation

- a) Age of Consent Criminal Code Art. 171: The age of consent is 14. Criminal Code Art. 167: An adult who uses deceit to engage in sexual relations with an adolescent aged 14-18 is subject to criminal penalties Source: Criminal Code of Ecuador http://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text.jsp?file\_id=444012
- b) Age of Criminal Responsibility

Criminal Code Art. 38: Persons who have not reached the age of 18, Will be subject to the Code of Childhood and Adolescence (a separate legal code detailing criminal and civil procedures for minors).

Source: Criminal Code of Ecuador -

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## c) Age of Marriage

Civil Code, Title III of Marriage, Art. 83: Those who have not reached the age of eighteen may not marry without express consent of the person who exercises parental authority. Source: Civil Code of Ecuador consolidated -

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## Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes

Source: Criminal Code of Ecuador - http://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text.jsp?file\_id=444012

Criminal Code Art. 91: Transportation, transfer, delivery, reception or reception for or for a third party, of one or more persons, within the country or from or to other countries, for the purpose of exploitation, constitutes a crime of trafficking in persons. This crime constitutes of an operation, or any activity resulting in a material or economic advantage, an intangible advantage or any other benefit, for himself or for a third party, through the subjugation of a person or the imposition of living or working conditions, obtained from the sexual exploitation of persons including forced prostitution, sex tourism and child pornography

Criminal Code Art. 100: It is illegal to sell, lend, take advantage or give in exchange to another for the purpose of executing one or more acts of a sexual nature girls, boys, or adolescents.

Criminal Code Art. 102: It is illegal to organize, promote, offer, toast, transfer, recruit, acquire or engage in touristic activities of a sexual nature if the victims are girls, boys or adolescents even if they have provided consent.

## Child Pornography

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Criminal Code Art. 103: It is illegal to photograph, film, Record, produce, transmit or edit visual materials, audio-visual, computer, electronic or any other physical medium or format International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children *Updated August 2017* 

containing the visual representation of real nudity or semi-nudity or simulated sexually oriented depictions of girls, boys or adolescents.

**Criminal Code Art. 104:** It is illegal to advertise, buy, own, post, transmit, download, store, import, export or sell or exchange, by any means, for personal use, pornography of children and adolescents.

**Criminal Code Art. 168:** It is illegal to spread, sale or deliver pornographic material to children, or adolescents,

#### Other Forms of Exploitation

**Criminal Code Art. 106**: It is illegal to pay a financial consideration to the parents of your future spouse for the purpose of ensuring a marriage without the consent of the future spouse.

#### Constitution of Ecuador

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## Code on Children and Adolescents (Ley No. 100/2003)

Source:

http://www.consultorasdelecuador.com/index.php?option=com\_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=56