

## Penal Code

(excerpts)

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### **Article 175/B Trafficking in Human Beings** (entered into force on 1 March 1999)

(1) Any person who sells, purchases, conveys or receives another person or exchanges a person for another person, or appropriates one for such purpose for another party, commits a felony offence and shall be punishable with imprisonment of up to three years.

(2) The punishment shall be imprisonment between one to five years if the criminal act is committed

- a. against a person deprived of personal freedom,
- b. against a person under the age of eighteen,
- c. for the purpose of forced labour,
- d. for the purpose of sodomy or sexual intercourse, or to involuntarily engage in such with another person.

(3) The punishment shall be imprisonment between two to eight years if the criminal act

- a. involves two of the cases described in paragraph (2), or if the criminal act is committed
- b. as part of a criminal organization,
- c. against a person under the tutelage, guardianship, supervision or medical treatment of the perpetrator.

(4) The punishment shall be imprisonment between five to ten years if the criminal act

- a. involves three of the cases described in paragraph (2), or if the criminal act is committed
- b. against a person deprived of personal freedom, as part of a criminal organization,
- c. against a person under the tutelage, guardianship, supervision or medical treatment of the perpetrator, and deprived of personal freedom.

(5) The punishment shall be imprisonment between ten to fifteen years or life imprisonment if the criminal act is committed for the purpose of forced labour and sodomy or sexual intercourse, or to involuntarily engage in such with another person

- a. against a person deprived of personal freedom, as part of a criminal organization,
- b. against a person under the tutelage, guardianship, supervision or medical treatment of the perpetrator, and deprived of personal freedom.

(6) Any person making preparations to engage in trafficking in human beings commits a misdemeanor and shall punishable with imprisonment of up to two years.

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