

[excerpts]

## Criminal Code

Entry into force: 1 October 2000

### Article 250

1. With a prison sentence not exceeding six years or a fine of the fifth category will be punished

1. he or she who, by physical coercion or another act of violence or by threat of physical coercion or another act of violence, coerces another person to make him/herself available to engage in sexual activities with a third party against remuneration, or he or she who by *abuse of authority ensuing from actual relations or by deception* induces another person to make him/herself available to engage in sexual activities with a third party against remuneration, or he or she who, under the aforementioned circumstances, undertakes any action that he or she knows or can reasonably suspect will induce the other person to engage in these activities;

2. he or she who recruits, takes along or abducts another person with the intention of inducing this person to make him- or herself available to engage in sexual activities with a third party against remuneration *in another country*;

3. he or she who induces another person to make him- or herself available to engage in sexual activities with a third party against remuneration, or who undertakes any action that he or she can reasonably suspect will induce the other person to engage in these activities, whilst the other person is a minor;

4. he or she who deliberately takes advantage of another person's sexual activities with a third party against remuneration, while he or she knows or can reasonably suspect that the other person makes him- or herself available to engage in these activities under the conditions mentioned under sub1;

5. he or she who deliberately takes advantage of another person's sexual activities with a third party against remuneration, if the other person is a minor;

6. he or she who, by physical coercion or another act of violence or by threat of physical coercion or another act of violence, coerces another person to benefit him/her with the proceeds of his/her sexual activities with a third party, or he or she who by abuse of authority ensuing from actual relations or by deception induces another person to benefit him/her with the proceeds of his/her sexual activities with a third party;

2. The guilty party will be punished with a prison sentence not exceeding eight years or with a fine of the fifth category, if

1. the criminal offences as defined in section one, are perpetrated by two or more joined parties;

2. the minor has not yet reached the age of sixteen;

3. serious bodily harm is caused as a result of the physical coercion or another act of violence as defined in section 1.

3. The criminal offences as defined in section 1, if perpetrated by two or more joined parties under the conditions as referred to in section 2.2 and 2.3, will be punished with a prison sentence not exceeding ten years or with a fine of the fifth category.

First category: max. € 225

Second cat.: max. € 2250

Third cat.: max. € 4500

Fourth cat.: max. € 11250

Fifth cat.: max. € 45000

Sixth cat.: max. € 450000

