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| CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL:  MODEL LEGISLATION & GLOBAL REVIEW | |
| **Purpose**  At the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC), we conduct extensive research into laws that exist around the world to better understand how countries deal with a problem of enormous magnitude causing harm to children.  Since 2006, we have tallied the presence–and absence–of adequate anti-child sexual abuse material (CSAM) law in 196 countries. We have analyzed the strengths and shortcomings of the laws that do exist, and based on the results of that intensive effort, we have developed model legislation that can be adopted and adapted as needed to be effective in any society or culture.  Almost eighteen years ago, our first report revealed a dismaying prospect: **only 27 countries** had enacted legislation sufficient to combat CSAM offenses. Since then, the situation has improved. And today, based on the results the 10th Edition, **138 countries** now have legislation considered to be sufficient against our criteria.  The 10th Edition of our report shows continued improvement as countries recognize the importance of the issue and take action to safeguard children around the world.  **Action required**  This report is transmitted to the Council Working Group on Child Online Protection **for information**.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  Presentation:[**Child Sexual Abuse Material: Model Legislation & Global Review**](https://cdn.icmec.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/CSAM-Model-Legislation_10th-Ed-Oct-2023.pdf) | |