



CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

COSTA RICA



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● National Strategy or Policy

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BACKGROUND

Total Population: 4 794 000

(data source: [United Nations Statistics Division](#), December 2012)

Internet users, percentage of population: 47.5%

(data source: [ITU Statistics](#), December 2012)

NATIONAL LEGISLATION

- [Article 173*](#) of the Criminal Code, amended by the law n. 8590, July 2007.
- [Article 173bis*](#) of the Criminal Code, added by the law n. 8590, July 2007.
- [Article 174*](#) of the Criminal Code, reformed by the law 7899, August 1999.
- [Article 13*](#) of Law n. 7739, Code for Childhood and Adolescence.
- [Law n. 8934*](#), Protection of Children and Young from Harmful Content on the Internet and other Electronic Media, March 2011.

NATIONAL STRATEGY

- [“Plan Nacional contra la Explotación Sexual Comercial de Niñas, Niños y Adolescentes”](#)

UN CONVENTION

- Signed and ratified, with no declarations or reservations to articles 16, 17(e) and 34(c), the [Convention on the Rights of Child](#).

UN PROTOCOL

- Signed and ratified, with no declarations or reservations to articles 2 and 3, the [Optional Protocol to The Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography](#).

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

- A National Committee on the commercial sexual exploitation of children was created under the National Plan against Commercial Sexual Exploitation, 2002 – “[Plan Nacional contra la Explotación Sexual Comercial de Niñas, Niños y Adolescentes](#)”.
- A National Committee for Online Security was created in December 2010: [Comisión Nacional de Seguridad en Línea](#) (Decree n. 36274).

REPORTING MECHANISM

- The Patronato Nacional de la Infancia (PANI) provides a space for online reporting on its [website](#)
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