



CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

QATAR



- National Legislation
- National Strategy or Policy
- UN Convention
- UN Protocol
- Institutional Support
- Reporting Mechanism

BACKGROUND

Total Population: 1 939 000

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

Internet users, percentage of population: 88.1%

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

Internet users age 15-24: 163 187

Internet user age 25-74: 720 557

(Composition by age available for the country answered ITU survey; data source: internal ITU statistics, December 2012)

NATIONAL LEGISLATION

- [Article 292](#) of the Criminal Code – only for children under 16.

UN CONVENTION

- Signed and ratified the [Convention on the Rights of Child](#), with reservation to any article or provision which is contrary to the Islamic Shariah.

UN PROTOCOL

- Acceded, 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

- [The Supreme Council of Information & Communication Technology \(ictQATAR\) \(*\)](#) is responsible for implementing national ICT initiatives. Its [Computer Emergency Response Team \(Q-CERT\) \(*\)](#) monitors and restrains online threats, making available different [information \(*\)](#) on Cybersecurity and Child Online Protection.
- The Government maintains [Safe Space \(*\)](#), a website dedicated to inform children, parents and educators about online threats, best practices, policies and tools for Cyber-safety.
- The National Committee for Internet Safety, under ictQATAR, aggregates government representatives, law enforcement, academia, non-governmental organizations, parents and local youth.