Sexual exploitation of children in Portugal

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Presentation of the organization

- CIAF Portugal creates in 2018:
  Main Work: Prevent and combat sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism.

- ECPAT International:
  Global network of 102 organizations in 93 countries whose mission is to fight Sexual Exploitation of Children (SEC).
National Consultations for the Drafting of the National Report

- Statement is based on the joint CIAF / Ei report submitted to the Human Rights Council for the UPR.
  - Prostitution.
  - Travel and tourism frame.
  - Use of abuse materials or online, child trafficking for sexual purposes and child marriage.
Sexual exploitation of children in Portugal

• Mainly from Africa and Eastern Europe, victims of trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

• In December 2018, Portugal was considered the world's best tourist destination by the World Travel Awards.
Follow-up of the last UPR

• UPR of the country in 2014 - the report of the Working Group made 33 recommendations on the rights of the child.

• None of them targeted SEC.

• Five recommendations on trafficking in human beings - one on child trafficking.
Progress and Challenges of the Legislative Framework


➢ ESE in the context of Travel and Tourism is not explicitly addressed in the Penal Code.

➢ fought through law on prostitution and human trafficking.

➢ ESE through prostitution - The Penal Code punishes anyone who incites, encourages SEC through prostitution or attracts a child to prostitution.
Progress and Challenges of the Legislative Framework (continued)

➢ ESE in lines - The Criminal Code provides for the prohibition of "child pornography".

➢ Forced marriage - Portugal introduces the criminalization of forced marriage in November 2016.

➢ But the civil code fixes at 16 years the legal age of marriage with an authorization of parents, legal guardian or, of a director with the Office of the civil status.
Recommendations on the GDP

- Increase the legal age of sexual consent to 18 years against SEC online.
- Criminalize SEC in the context of travel and tourism.
- Establish the legal age of marriage at 18.
- Adopt a specific national action plan to end SEC.
- Establish a sufficient number of shelters for children with SEC and offering integrated services (psychological, legal, medical, etc.).
Thank you for your attention

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