

Constitution of Georgia

(excerpts)

Article 17.

1. A person's conscience and dignity are inviolable.
2. Torture, inhumane, brutal or degrading treatment or punishment is inadmissible.

Article 18.

The freedom of a person is inviolable.

Article 30.

1. Labor is free.

(...)

3. On the basis of international agreements regulating labor relationships, the state protects the labor rights of Georgian citizens abroad.

4. The defense of labor rights, legal payment for labor and healthy working conditions, the working conditions of minors and women are determined by law.

Criminal Code of the Republic of Georgia

(adopted on 22 July 1999, as amended 2003)

Article 143¹. Trafficking in human beings

1. The buying or selling or making other illicit transaction in relation to a human being as well as recruitment, transfer, harbouring or receipt by means of coercion, blackmail or deception, for the purpose of exploitation, -

Shall be sentenced to 5 to 12 years of imprisonment.

2. Same action or omission committed:

- a) repeatedly;

- b) in relation to two or more persons;
- c) in relation to a pregnant women;
- d) in abuse of official powers;
- e) by taking a victim to a foreign country;
- f) by using violence dangerous for life and health or by threat of such violence;
- g) in relation to a person who the offender knew was in helpless conditions or in relation to a person who was materially or otherwise dependent upon the offender, -

Shall be sentenced to 8 to 15 years of imprisonment.

3. Action or omission defined in paragraph 1 or 2 of this Article:

- a) if committed by an organized group;
- b) if resulted in the death of a victim or brought about other grave result, -

Shall be sentenced to 12 to 20 years of imprisonment.

Note:

For the purposes of this Article and Article 172¹ of the Code, exploitation shall mean use of a human being for the purposes of engaging him or her into forced labour, criminal or anti-social activity or prostitution, sexual exploitation or other services, placing him or her in the conditions of contemporary slavery as well as for transplanting or otherwise using his or her organ, part of organ or tissue. Placing a person in the conditions of contemporary slavery shall mean the deprivation of identification documents, restriction of freedom of movement, restriction of communication with his/her family, including correspondence and telephone conversation, cultural isolation as well as forced labour in a situation where human honour and dignity is violated and/or without remuneration or with inadequate remuneration.

Article 172¹. Trafficking in minors

1. The buying or selling or making other illicit transaction in relation to a minor as well as recruitment, transfer, harbouring or receipt by means of coercion, blackmail or deception, for the purpose of exploitation, -

Shall be sentenced to 8 to 15 years of imprisonment.

2. Same conduct committed:

- a) repeatedly;
- b) through coercion, blackmail or deception;
- c) in relation to two or more minors;
- d) by taking a victim to a foreign country;
- e) by using violence dangerous for life and health or by threat of such violence;
- f) in abuse of official powers;
- g) in relation to a person who the offender knew was in helpless conditions or in relation to a person who was materially or otherwise dependent upon the offender, -

Shall be sentenced to 12 to 17 years of imprisonment.

3. The conduct defined in paragraphs 2 or 3 of this Article:

- a) if committed by an organized group;
- b) if resulted in the death of the minor or brought about other grave result, -

Shall be sentenced to 15 to 20 years of imprisonment or to life imprisonment.

Code of Administrative Violations of Georgia

(excerpts)

Article 172/3/ Prostitution

Prostitution will be punished by a warning or penalty in the amount of a half of the minimal wage.

The same violation undertaken in a period of one year after an administrative penalty will cause payment of a sum from one half to the total of minimal wage.