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<sup>253</sup> Government of Bangladesh, *Labour Code, 2006*, article 35. See also Government of Bangladesh, *Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (as modified up to 17 May, 2004)*, (November 4, 1972), article 34; available from <http://www.pmo.gov.bd/constitution/contents.htm>.

<sup>254</sup> Salma Ali, *Report on Laws and Legal Procedures Concerning the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Bangladesh*, Bangkok, October 2004, 15, 17, 46; available from [http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat\\_inter/projects/promoting\\_law/bangladesh\\_report/Laws\\_Legal\\_Procedures\\_Bangladesh\\_Oct2004.pdf](http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/projects/promoting_law/bangladesh_report/Laws_Legal_Procedures_Bangladesh_Oct2004.pdf). See also Government of Bangladesh, *Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act*, Act No. VI, (1933), articles 9-12.

<sup>255</sup> Government of Bangladesh, *Suppression of Violence against Women and Children Act*, Act. No. VIII, (2000), article 6. See also Salma Ali, *Laws on CSEC in Bangladesh*, 16, 20.

<sup>256</sup> Salma Ali, *Laws on CSEC in Bangladesh*, 25.

<sup>257</sup> Government of Bangladesh, *The Narcotics Control Act*, No. XX, (1990).

<sup>258</sup> Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers, "Child Soldiers Global Report: Bangladesh."

<sup>259</sup> U.S. Embassy- Dhaka, *reporting, February 23, 2009*, 3, 4. See also U.S. Department of State, "Country Reports- 2008: Bangladesh," section 5.

<sup>260</sup> U.S. Embassy- Dhaka, *reporting, February 23, 2009*, 4.

<sup>261</sup> Ibid., 5.

<sup>262</sup> U.S. Embassy- Dhaka, *reporting, December 19, 2007*. See also Government of Bangladesh, *Written Communication*, submitted in response to U.S. Department of Labor Federal Register Notice (November 8, 2007) "Request for Information on Efforts by Certain Countries to Eliminate the Worst Forms of Child Labor", Dhaka, December 5, 2007.

<sup>263</sup> U.S. Embassy- Dhaka, *reporting, February 5, 2009*.

<sup>264</sup> Ibid. See also Government of Bangladesh, *National Plan of Action for Children: Bangladesh*, Dhaka, June 22, 2005, 38, 79-80; available from <http://www.lcgbangladesh.org/Education/reports/NPA%20Master%20Clean%20Final%2022%20June%202005.pdf>.

<sup>265</sup> U.S. Embassy- Dhaka, *reporting, February 5, 2009*.

<sup>266</sup> ILO-IPEC, *Preventing and Eliminating the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Selected Formal and Informal Sectors in Bangladesh*, Final Technical Progress Report, Geneva, May 15, 2006, 2.

<sup>267</sup> U.S. Embassy- Dhaka, *reporting, February 5, 2009*.

<sup>268</sup> U.S. Embassy- Dhaka, *reporting, February 23, 2009*, 3. See also U.S. Embassy- Dhaka, *reporting, March 2, 2006*.

<sup>269</sup> U.S. Embassy- Dhaka, *reporting, February 23, 2009*, 3.

<sup>270</sup> Ibid., 7.

<sup>271</sup> Ibid., 5. See also U.S. Department of State, "Country Reports- 2008: Bangladesh," section 5.

<sup>272</sup> U.S. Department of State, "Country Reports- 2008: Bangladesh," section 5. See also U.S. Embassy- Dhaka, *reporting, February 23, 2009*, 2.

<sup>273</sup> U.S. Embassy- Dhaka, *reporting, February 23, 2009*, 5.

<sup>274</sup> UNICEF, *Basic Education for Hard-to-Reach Urban Working Children*. See also U.S. Embassy- Dhaka, *reporting, February 5, 2009*.

<sup>275</sup> ILO-IPEC official, E-mail communication to USDOL official, December 18, 2008.

<sup>276</sup> ILO- IPEC official, E-mail communication to USDOL official, March 31, 2009.

<sup>277</sup> UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, *Consideration of Reports Submitted by States Parties Under Article 12(1) of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Children on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography: Initial Reports of States Parties*, Geneva, December 23, 2005, 21; available from [http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/\(Symbol\)/CRC.C.OPSC.BGD.1.En?OpenDocument](http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/(Symbol)/CRC.C.OPSC.BGD.1.En?OpenDocument).

## Barbados

### Incidence and Nature of Child Labor

There have been some reports of children in Barbados being trafficked internally for the purpose of sexual exploitation.<sup>278</sup> In some instances, children have been compelled by their parents to become prostitutes in the capital of Bridgetown's red light district.<sup>279</sup>

### Child Labor Laws and Enforcement

The minimum age for employment in Barbados is 16 years.<sup>280</sup> Children under 16 years, however, are allowed to work under certain restrictions. Such children may not work between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. or during school hours.<sup>281</sup> The work of a young person, defined as between 16 and 18 years old, is also subject to certain restrictions.<sup>282</sup> Young persons may not work in industrial undertakings

during the night—from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m.—or participate in work that is likely to cause injury to their health, safety, or morals. For the purposes of apprenticeship or vocational training, authorization may be granted to allow young persons to work during the night.<sup>283</sup> Young persons participating in an apprenticeship or vocational training must first obtain a certificate from a medical practitioner confirming that they are fit to be employed, along with consent from a parent or guardian.<sup>284</sup>

possession, or distribution of child pornography is punishable by 2 to 5 years of imprisonment.<sup>290</sup>

The Child Care Board and the Labor Department are responsible for monitoring and investigating cases of child labor.<sup>291</sup> The Labor Department has a small staff of labor inspectors who conduct spot investigations and verify records to ensure compliance with the law. These inspectors are authorized to take legal action against employers who are found to use underage workers.<sup>292</sup>

USDOS reports that the Government of Barbados has been proactive in prosecuting trafficking suspects and preventing trafficking in persons.<sup>293</sup>

### Government Policies and Programs to Eliminate the Worst Forms of Child Labor

The Government of Barbados launched a child labor media campaign in June 2008. The campaign involves print, radio, and television ads to inform the public about child labor and its worst forms.<sup>294</sup>

<sup>278</sup> U.S. Department of State, "Barbados," in *Trafficking in Persons Report- 2008*, Washington, DC, June 4, 2008, 267; available from <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/105501.pdf>.

<sup>279</sup> U.S. Embassy- Bridgetown, *reporting*, March 7, 2007.

<sup>280</sup> U.S. Department of State, "Country Reports- 2007: Barbados," section 6d.

<sup>281</sup> Government of Barbados, *Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act*, (March 24, 1977), chapter 346, parts IV, V; available from [http://www.caricomlaw.org/docs/Employment%20\(Miscellaneous%20Provisions\).pdf](http://www.caricomlaw.org/docs/Employment%20(Miscellaneous%20Provisions).pdf).

<sup>282</sup> *Ibid.*, chapter 346, part III.

<sup>283</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>284</sup> Government of Barbados, *Occupational Training Act*, (October 1, 1979), articles 14, 15; available from <http://www.caricomlaw.org/docs/Occupational%20Training.pdf>.

<sup>285</sup> For statistical data not cited here, see the Data Sources and Definitions section. For ratifications and ILO-IPEC membership, see the Introduction. For minimum age for admission to work see U.S. Department of State, "Barbados," in *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2008*, Washington, DC, February 25, 2009, section 6d; available from <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2008/wha/119147.htm>. For age to which education is compulsory and free public education, see U.S. Department of

### Selected Statistics and Indicators on Child Labor<sup>285</sup>

Population, children, 5-14 years:	-
Working children, 5-14 years (%):	-
Working boys, 5-14 years (%):	-
Working girls, 5-14 years (%):	-
Working children by sector, 5-14 years (%):	
- Agriculture	-
- Manufacturing	-
- Services	-
- Other	-
Minimum age for work:	16
Compulsory education age:	16
Free public education:	Yes
Gross primary enrollment rate (%), 2007:	105.1
Net primary enrollment rate (%), 2007:	96.9
School attendance, children 5-14 years (%):	-
Survival rate to grade 5 (%), 2006:	94.4
ILO Convention 138:	1/4/2000
ILO Convention 182:	10/23/2000
CRC:	10/9/1990
CRCOPAC:	No
CRCOPSC:	No
Palermo:	No
ILO-IPEC participating country:	Associated

The law prohibits forced or compulsory labor.<sup>286</sup> The minimum age for voluntary military services is 18 years, or earlier with parental consent.<sup>287</sup> The law prohibits the removal of persons under 17 years from the island for the purpose of forced labor in foreign countries. Punishment for those involved in this crime is up to 1 year of imprisonment.<sup>288</sup> Procurement of a child for the purpose of prostitution is punishable by up to 15 years of imprisonment.<sup>289</sup> The production,

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State, "Barbados," in *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2007*, Washington, DC, March 11, 2008, sections 5, 6d; available from <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2007/100627.htm>.

<sup>286</sup> U.S. Department of State, "Country Reports- 2008: Barbados," section 6c.

<sup>287</sup> Central Intelligence Agency, "Barbados," in *CIA World Factbook*, Washington, DC, January 17, 2008; available from <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>.

<sup>288</sup> Government of Barbados, *Young Persons Protection Act*, (May 17, 1918), articles 3, 4, 5, 7; available from <http://www.caricomlaw.org/docs/Young%20Persons%20Protection.pdf>.

<sup>289</sup> Government of Barbados, "Barbados," in *Legislation of Interpol Member States on Sexual Offences against Children*; available from <http://www.interpol.int/Public/Children/SexualAbuse/NationalLaws/CsaBarbados.pdf>.

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<sup>290</sup> Government of Barbados, *Protection of Children Act*, (December 20, 1990), articles 2, 3, 9; available from <http://www.caricomlaw.org/docs/Protection%20of%20Children.pdf>.

<sup>291</sup> U.S. Department of State, "Country Reports- 2007: Barbados," sections 5, 6d.

<sup>292</sup> U.S. Department of State, "Country Reports- 2008: Barbados," section 6d.

<sup>293</sup> U.S. Department of State, "Trafficking in Persons Report- 2008: Barbados."

<sup>294</sup> Government of Barbados, *Child Labour Media Campaign Launched this Morning*, [online] June 13, 2008 [cited January 31, 2009]; available from <http://www.gov.bb/portal/page/portal/GISMEDIA%20CENTRENEWS%20MANAGEMENT/News%20Archive/Child%20Labour%20Media%20Campaign%20Launched%20this%20Morning>.

## Belize

### Incidence and Nature of Child Labor

Most working children in Belize are found in rural regions in the agricultural sector. Many of these children work in banana, sugar cane, and citrus production.<sup>295</sup> Children also work in wholesale and retail trade, repair, tourism, providing diverse services, and to a lesser extent, in construction and manufacturing.<sup>296</sup> According to a 2003 study by the ILO, half of the boys who work do so in hazardous forms of labor.<sup>297</sup> Girls engage in prostitution with older men in exchange for clothing, jewelry, food, school fees, and books. The YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) reports that as many as 20 percent of its under-aged clients have been solicited for commercial sex activities.<sup>298</sup>

Belize is reported to be a source, transit, and destination country for the trafficking of children.<sup>299</sup> Trafficking of girls within Belize and to and from other countries occurs for both sexual exploitation and for work as domestic servants.<sup>300</sup>

### Child Labor Laws and Enforcement

The Labor Act of Belize sets the minimum age for work as 14 years.<sup>301</sup> Article 164 states that no person shall employ a child in a public or private undertaking, and child is defined as being under 14 years in the interpretation section of the Labor Act.<sup>302</sup> Article 169 establishes the minimum age for light work as 12 years of age. According to the Labor Act, children over 12 years may work after school hours, for no more than 2 hours on a school day or a Sunday, only between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., and in work that is not likely to cause injury.<sup>303</sup> Children of any age may work on family farms with authorization.<sup>304</sup> The Labor Act sets penalties for non-compliance with minimum age standards that include fines and imprisonment of up to 2 months for a first offense and up to 4 months in the case of a second or subsequent offense.<sup>305</sup>

The law prohibits persons under 18 years from engaging in any form of harmful employment.<sup>306</sup> Forced labor and slavery are prohibited.<sup>307</sup>