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DECREES:

REFORM OF ARTICLE 376 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE, LAW No. 4573

Sole Article.- Article 376 of the Penal Code, Law No. 4573 of May 4, 1970, as amended, according to the numbering adopted in accordance with Law No. 7732 of December 17, 1997, which changed Article 374 to 376.

The text will read:

"Article 376.- **Penalty for trafficking in minors.** A prison term of two to four years shall be imposed on anyone who sells, promotes or facilitates the sale of a minor person and receives for it any type of payment, gratification, economic reward or of any other nature.

The same penalty shall be imposed on anyone who pays, gratifies or rewards for the purpose of receiving the minor.

Imprisonment shall be from four to six years when the perpetrator is an ascendant or relative up to the third degree of consanguinity or affinity, the person in charge of the guardianship, custody or any person who exercises the representation of the minor.

The same penalty shall be imposed on the professional or public official who sells, promotes, facilitates or legitimizes by means of any act the sale of the minor. The professional and public official shall also be imposed disqualification for two to six years for the exercise of the profession or trade in which the act occurred."

Effective as of its publication.

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