

# From law to practice Sexual violence against girls in LAC



**Any pregnancy in a girl younger than 14 should be considered non-consensual and accordingly, a product of sexual violence<sup>1</sup>**

## Article 8h of the Belém do Pará Convention

The States Parties agree to undertake progressively specific measures, including programs: to ensure research and the gathering of statistics and other relevant information relating to the causes, consequences and frequency of violence against women, in order to assess the effectiveness of measures to prevent, punish and eradicate violence against women and to formulate and implement the necessary changes



### Punish sexual acts with girls 14 or younger

Antigua & Barbuda
Argentina
Bahamas
Barbados
Belize
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Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Saint Kitts & Nevis
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
Saint Lucia
Suriname
Trinidad & Tobago
Uruguay
Venezuela
<b>Total: 32</b>



### Provide information to the MESECVI (2013-2016)<sup>2</sup>

Argentina
Barbados
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Honduras
Mexico
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Suriname
Trinidad & Tobago
Uruguay
Venezuela
<b>Total: 21</b>



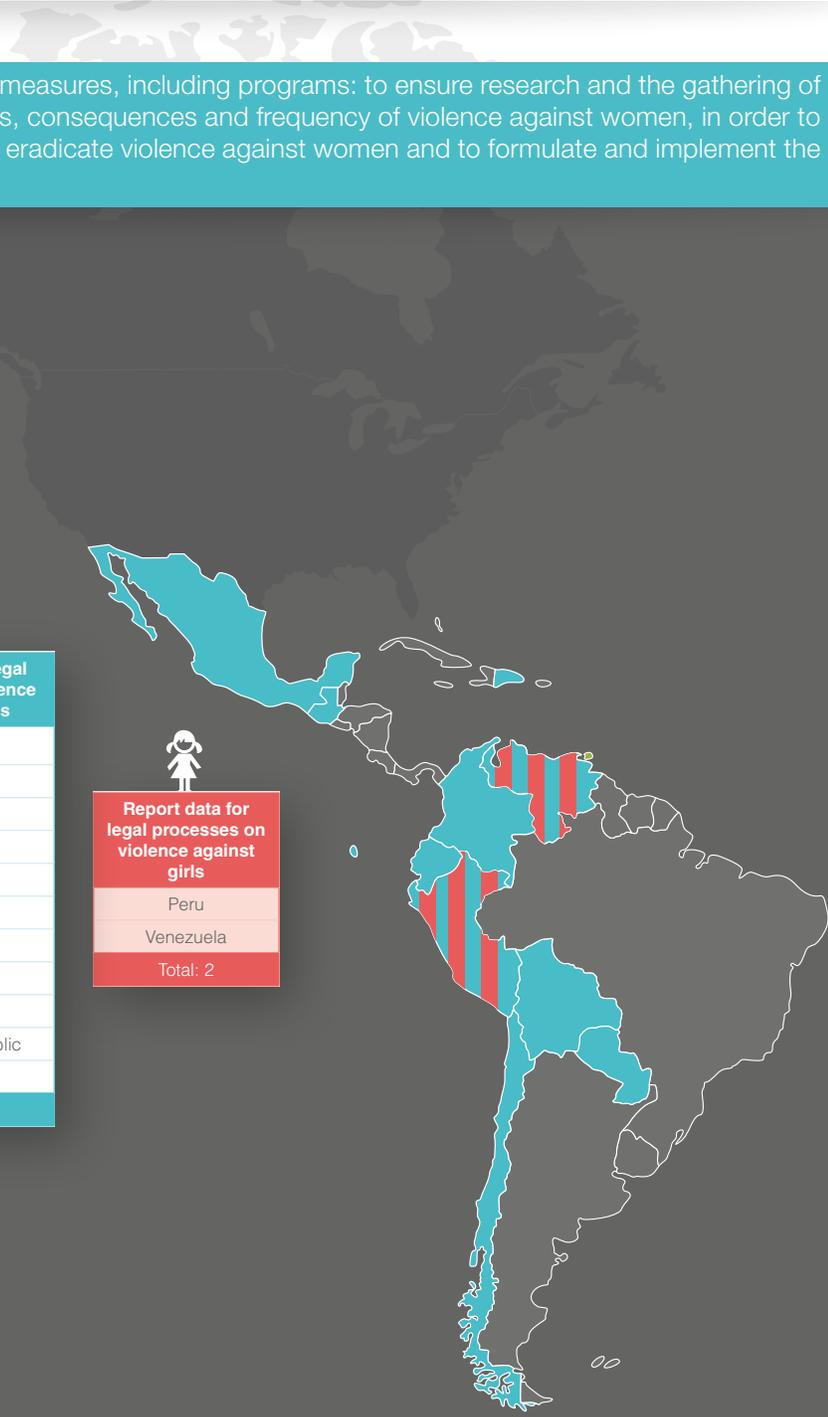
### Report data for legal processes on violence against women

Bolivia
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Ecuador
Guatemala
Mexico
Paraguay
Peru
Dominican Republic
Venezuela
<b>Total: 11</b>



### Report data for legal processes on violence against girls

Peru
Venezuela
<b>Total: 2</b>



<sup>1</sup> Except in cases where the sexual relations are between peers.

<sup>2</sup> During the follow-up phase of the Second Multi-lateral Evaluation Round (2013-2014), information was provided by: Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela. During the evaluation phase of the Third Multi-lateral Evaluation Round (2016-to-date), information was provided by: Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela.



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### Provide information to the MESECVI (2013-2016)<sup>3</sup>

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Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Honduras
Mexico
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Suriname
Trinidad & Tobago
Uruguay
Venezuela
<b>Total: 21</b>



### Report data for pregnancy in girls aged 10-14

Argentina
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Honduras
Mexico
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Dominican Republic
Trinidad & Tobago
Venezuela
<b>Total: 16</b>



### Report data for maternal mortality of girls aged 10-14

Argentina
Chile
El Salvador
Guatemala
Mexico
Paraguay
Peru
Venezuela
<b>Total: 8</b>



The Committee of Experts of the Follow-Up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI) has recommended that the States Party to the Convention:

- Guarantee comprehensive care and protection of the best interests of girls in the framework of judicial proceedings and guarantee transparent information on the number of cases and the status of the aggressors;
- Strengthen mechanisms for effective interaction among the health and justice sectors in cases of violence against girls;
- Investigate cases of maternal mortality among girls in order to identify the causes of death and punish those responsible.

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<sup>4</sup> MESECVI (2016). Hemispheric Report on Sexual Violence and Child Pregnancy in the States Party to the Belém do Pará Convention

