

Ministry of National Security's Response to the 18th Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on the Treatment of Migrants with Specific Focus on Rights to Education, Employment and Protection from Sexual Exploitation.

Objective 1: To determine the extent to which: i) Migrants have access to Education and Employment; ii) The existing Framework is Adequate for the Prevention of the Sexual Exploitation of Migrants.		
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4.12. Pg.70	The Committee acknowledges the statutory provisions in the Immigration Act, Chap. 18:01, but also notes that Immigration Regulation 9 (G) of the Immigration Act, Chapter 18:01 classifies as a permitted entrant "persons who have been accepted as students by an educational or training establishment recognised by the Permanent Secretary to the Minister, or the Chief Immigration Officer, and who, after entering Trinidad and Tobago are in actual attendance at such educational or training establishments." The Committee thus recommends that the MNS consider the drafting of national legislation to ensure that migrant children can access education in accordance with international law.	Regulation 9 (6) (c) of the Immigration Regulations made pursuant to the Immigration Act, Chapter 19:01, provides that migrant children can access education in accordance with international law, as follows: <i>"The Chief Immigration Officer may, upon being satisfied as to the bona fides of the educational or training establishment, issue a student's permit if--</i> <i>(i) the person seeking to enter and remain in Trinidad and Tobago has been accepted as a student by such establishment;</i> <i>(ii) there is adequate accommodation for the student at such establishment;</i> <i>(iii) no local student has been displaced; and</i> <i>(iv) the person seeking to enter and remain in Trinidad and Tobago does not belong to a prohibited class."</i> <i>In this regard, the Ministry of National Security (MNS) continues to collaborate with the Ministry of Education in the granting of student permits to migrant children in accordance with the laws of Trinidad and Tobago.</i>

Objective 2: To Evaluate the Efficacy of Measures which: i) Treat, mitigate and penalise the Sexual Exploitation of Migrants and; ii) Regulate the implementation and enforcement of migrants' access to education and rights to work.		
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4.30. Page 76	The Committee recommends that MOLSED, MOE, TTPS and MNS note the stakeholder recommendations in APPENDIX IX.	The Ministry of National Security has noted the stakeholder recommendations in APPENDIX IX of the Committee's report and will continue to work with all of its local and international stakeholders towards the protection of migrants from sexual, labour and other forms of exploitation.