

## **Law no. 66 dated 15 February, 1996**

Law no. 66 dated 15 February, 1996 -- Provisions on sexual violence -- introduced some noteworthy novelties. First of all, sexual violence and abuse are no longer considered as offences against public decency and morality but rather as offences against the person, more specifically against personal freedom.

Secondly, the Law introduced the modern concept of sexual violence centred on the infringement of sexual self-determination, regardless of the modalities of its perpetration. Today, sexual violence is covered by articles 609-bis et seq. of the criminal code which punish not only rape as a non-consensual sexual intercourse, but any unwanted sexual act forced on a person.