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STATE BORDER PROTECTION IN UKRAINE: CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES

The State Border Guard Service of Ukraine is a special law enforcement agency which ensures the inviolability of the state border and protection of Ukraine's sovereign rights on land, in the air and its exclusive (maritime) economic zone.

The service was created on July 31, 2003 after the reorganization of the State Committee in Affairs for Protection of State Border. In 2003, new legislation was adopted, and this somehow changed the legal status of the organization. In March 2003, the Border Troops became the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, and its status was legally changed from the "military body" to "special law-enforcement agency". The initial strength was 50,000 personnel, including 8,000 civilian employees.

According to the statistics, border guards deal with various types of offences at the Ukrainian border on a daily basis, such as illegal migration, smuggling, human beings trafficking, forgery of documents, various kinds of provocations etc. To prevent such types of border violations our agency's personnel generally uses coercive measures to ensure border security. These measures are mostly implemented through performing specific border guard duties, such as border checks and border surveillance, including border patrol, rapid response teams, observation posts, documents verification etc.

Besides, border guards widely use technical devices to protect the border. An integral part of border protection is engineering arrangement. Currently, the service works closely together with the European and American border guard agencies such as FRONTEX, EUBAM, OSCE, BORTAC, who are willing to help Ukraine financially and by providing us with different kinds of technical devices and modern military equipment for

border protection. The aim of the research is to ground why technical method of border protection is better, then the force one. Let's just imagine the policeman who is patrolling the streets of your hometown, everyone can see him walking or driving a car and he can see everything. We have a bit different situation on a border line, you are in the forest, in the mountains or somewhere in the field, it's hard for you to observe and control the whole area you are responsible for. Most detentions at the border are due to preliminary information, but in fact it's an integrated, complex job involving a lot of personnel.

In order to facilitate, streamline and enhance fulfilment of professional tasks of Ukrainian border guards our neighboring countries and also our allies try to help us by sharing their experience and best practices. Let's take for an example the Republic of Slovakia: their agency is well-equipped with modern technical devices; they also have a big amount of video cameras placed on a border line with all countries who are not the members of EU. This proved to be a simple but rather efficient technic to properly observe the border line, which hopefully will be fully implemented for the border surveillance purpose in Ukraine in the nearest future.

Nowadays our service is becoming more and more equipped with modern drones, with a help of which protecting the border is getting much easier and safer. Well-trained in operating drones border guards are able and quickly and in advance prevent almost every offense calling the response team in time.

Step-by step Ukrainian Border Guard Agency is upgrading its level with the state-of-the-art technology and becoming more efficient in all spheres concerning the border control procedures.

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LA LUTTE CONTRE LE TRAFIC DE STUPÉFIANTS EN FRANCE

On sait que le trafic de stupéfiant ou narcotraffic désigne les échanges commerciaux illégaux de substances psychotropes réglementées par les différentes conventions de l'ONU.

Il est à noter que le trafic de stupéfiants est l'activité criminelle qui désormais irrigue toutes les autres et qui alimente le développement du