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**STRUCTURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL FEATURES OF TRANSNATIONAL
CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS IN UKRAINE**

Way of Ukraine to the European community, dynamic development of international cooperation between the European countries in all spheres of public life, including in the fight against crime, pose new challenges for domestic science. The Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers concerning the fight against crime, always state that on a long-term horizon fight against transnational organized crime is the main focus of international cooperation in criminal proceedings, the leading area of activity of law enforcement agencies, government officials and legislators, governments and non-governmental organizations around the world.

Thus, in Ukraine has developed its own structural and organizational type of transnational criminal organizations, which combines elements of classical criminal organizations and legitimate business as well as elements of criminal and legal control over criminal activities.

The study of features characterizing the subjects of transnational organized crime and the principles of avoidance of social control demonstrates that the way that the organization and activities of transnational criminal networks and their modification allows providing their high security and livelihoods.

In this regard, analysis of existing methods of structural organization of transnational criminal networks and basic principles of their work is extremely important and necessary. This allows determining the ways to protect transnational organized crime from social control, peculiarities of their internal security in the competition, methods of resolving emerging conflicts, the nature of restraining and protective functions regarding their members. Understanding the specifics of organization this way may allow outlining the strategy of restraining of the spread of activity of criminal organizations in the world geopolitical space.

