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THE ROLE OF INTERPOL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

Today in the context of world globalization, it is important to create and operate mechanisms that combat international crimes. Special attention has to be paid to cooperation between states in the fight against crime. That is why studying the Interpol's activities as an international organization, which fights against crime is one of the urgent tasks as a theory and practice.

For every state in the world is and will continue to be relevant maintaining the rule of law and fighting criminal acts, including the most dangerous forms of them - those that have international ties or cross-border nature as the main task. Governments' efforts, which aim is to achieve coordinated cooperation in the fight against crime continue for several decades. Today, such interstate cooperation includes the provision of legal assistance in the search for and apprehension of criminals or suspected criminals, assistance in the collection and storage of information about specific individuals and criminal organizations, and in general has characteristics of both operational search and organizational management activities. [1, p. 101].

So, the range of important tasks in the fighting against international crime are solved with the help of international organizations and is implemented at the global and regional levels. The International Organization of Criminal Police – Interpol takes the leading place among international organizations at the global level, which fight against international crimes [2, p. 566].

Interpol is the only international organization that is directly involved in the fight against crime. Interpol was established in 1923 as the International Criminal Police Commission (ICCP) to coordinate the fight against various criminal offenses in Vienna. In 1938, it virtually ceased to exist due to the occupation of Austria by Nazi Germany. In 1946, it was restored in its present form. In 1956, the Statut of Interpol came into force. More than 150 states are members of Interpol. The headquarters is located in Lyon (France). Interpol received the status of an International Intergovernmental Organization at the UN [3, p. 170].

The structure of Interpol provides for each member state of the National Central Bureau (NCB) of Interpol – a unit that directly ensures the international cooperation of law enforcement agencies of their country

within Interpol. In Ukraine, it is the NCB of Interpol of Ukraine (Ukrburo of Interpol), which functions as the structure of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

Today, the Ukrburo is a powerful independent structural unit of the National Police of Ukraine, which provides Ukraine's representation in Interpol. Not only the police, but also the prosecutor's office, the Security Service of Ukraine, the State Fiscal Service, the State Border Guard Service, the Foreign Intelligence Service, etc., cooperate with the UkrBureau of Interpol.

According to the Statute, Interpol does not engage in or interfere in political, military, religious or racial spheres. All countries that are members of Interpol have equal rights regardless of the size, of their financial contributions, etc. Interpol through the NCB cooperates with law enforcement agencies involved in the fight against general crime [3, p. 170].

It should be noted that the interaction of law enforcement agencies with Interpol in the investigation of international crimes, is more often used for: 1) exchanging information; 2) identification and verification of persons on the records of police of foreign countries; 3) conducting an international search through Interpol channels, extradition; 4) interaction of law enforcement agencies of Ukraine with law enforcement agencies of foreign countries through Interpol channels in the implementation of procedural, investigative actions and operational and investigative measures [2, p. 566].

Interpol is a unique international organization, which takes a direct practical part in preventing and suppressing "international crime."

The main tasks and aims of Interpol at the present stage are: - to ensure the widest cooperation between the relevant criminal police authorities in the current national legislation of Interpol member countries and in strict accordance with the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; - establishment and development of all necessary bodies that will be effective in the fight against crime [3, p. 171].

The growing transnational connections of criminal groups in different countries require more fruitful international collaboration of law enforcement agencies all over the world. The activity of the UkrBureau of Interpol is important for the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine not only for efficiency of the current moment, but also for development prospects. The quality of the Bureau's work is one of the most important factors in the international prestige of Ukraine's internal affairs bodies

Despite the relatively short period of its activity, the National Central Bureau of Interpol of Ukraine has proved to be one of effective structure of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, which is constantly increasing its efforts. Intensive exchange of operational information in the Interpol is accompanied by optimization of this process by the Ukrainian side [4, p. 88].

To sum up, I would like to say that today there are many institutions and mechanisms in the world, which aim is combating crime, but there are still ineffective means and ways to prevent and detect crime. An effective

approach to combating crime requires an integrated approach that can only be achieved through the collective efforts of the international community through close cooperation between state institutions. That is why Interpol's activities in the fight against crime play a significant role in achieving common goals in the fight against crime. Undoubtedly, in the modern conditions it is important for Ukraine to actively participate in international law enforcement relations in order to move closer to international and European standards of public life, which requires the improvement of all existing means of preventing and detecting crime.

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TECHNOLOGIES THAT TRANSFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT

The modern world changes every minute and everything in it must keep pacewith the times. Law enforcement agencies have not been spared too. Every one of us connects police work to constant tension routine traffic stops and piles of desk work. But today, that's all changed. Law enforcement technology is making its mark on police departments around the country as new-and-improved gadgets are becoming available to help officers prevent crime.

Here are few technical innovations that are already being implemented: