Laws of each country establish and regulate human activity and behavior in each society, in private life, in state institutions. Lawfulness must be as a credo not only for the citizens, but also for a state with all the officials and politicians, which are responsible for our future, for development and setting up of our nation, which strives to leave as all people in the world.

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# CHILD PROTECTION IN PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS (PSO) IN ITALY (COOPERATED WITH ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES)

Art. 1 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) clarifies hat a "CHILD" is:

"every human being below the age of eighteen years unless, under the applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier".

There is convergence that the AGE OF MAJORITY should be fixed at 18 years, even if exceptions can be made for marriages, work, etc.

There is no clear age distinction between a "CHILD" and a "JUVENILE" in international law instruments, since even for the beginning of the latter there is no fixed international standard.

However, the United Nations and the Council of Europe recommend that any person below the age of 18 should be considered as a juvenile.

#### CHILDREN AND JUVENILES AS A VULNERABLE GROUP

- In consideration of their special needs and vulnerability, CHILDREN shall not only be guaranteed the same basic human rights as adults but they are to be granted additional protection measures.
  - CHILREN are particularly vulnerable in situations of armed conflicts. War violates every right of a child...

#### **4 BASIC PRINCIPLES:**

- 1. THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD;
- 2. NON DISCRIMINATION;
- 3. THE RIGHT TO LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT;
- 4. AND RESPECT FOR THE VIEWS OF THE CHILD.

#### 2 PROTOCOLS:

- on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography;

- and on Children in Armed Conflicts.

It is aimed at enhancing the international humanitarian law standards contained in the Geneva Conventions and Protocols and in the CRRC.

These conventions established 15 years as the minimum age for the recruitment and direct involvement of children in armed conflicts.

States Parties shall demobilize those children who have been involved in armed conflicts and assist their physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration in society (Article 6.3);

States Parties shall co-operate to prevent the involvement of children in armed conflicts and to recover and rehabilitate child victims (Article 7.1).

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## PROFESSIONAL POLICE ETHICS INEUROPE: VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

Today, in our rapidly developing world with high democratic requirements, we can certainly say that there no other profession demands a higher ethical standard than that of law enforcement.

The question "what the public expects and how officers can deliver" is very ambiguous and demand detailed system analysis. According with the last events it is very actual question for our state and more than obviously that Ukraine needs structure reorganization of the officers' preparatory system. Moreover, there must be not only new kind of the law enforcement officers preparing, but also, as the same, there must be continuous complex of developing new quality of social thinking, social perception of reality. Community has to understand the public importance of the law enforcement agencies, honor and be thankful of law enforcement system at all.

And what may be a base of new community? Values at first! Value is the term given to those ideas, behaviors and actions that are important to us. Values are those things worth fighting for, and those things worth sacrificing for. They're what we hold most dear. Our values strongly influence our decision making and help determine where we place our emphasis in our personal and professional lives. Values form the basis for our understanding of ethics.

• The Government aims to ensure that the quality of service provided by police forces in Europe inspires public confidence, and that the police have the active support and involvement of the communities which they serve.