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FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN POLAND

Every year, about a hundred Poles become victims of human trafficking, but the scale of the problem is much larger. Forcing prostitution and begging in the streets are the most common forms of using people who have fallen into the hands of human traffickers.

Confidence reigns that trafficking in human beings can affect and concerns mainly women who end up in brothels. And trade itself resembles a slave market. However, the modern slave trade procedure looks much more sophisticated.

The question: how to stop human trafficking and what methods will help? often arises in Poland.

As a method of struggle, Poland introduced the appropriate amendments to the Criminal Code, tightening measures to combat criminals involved in modern forms of the slave trade.

The country also has the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA), which helps the state cope with the problem. Together with the group, the Polish authorities took a number of important steps to prevent and combat human trafficking, but several important problems still remain unresolved. One step is accession to the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. The Convention is a full-fledged treaty that focuses mainly on protecting victims of trafficking and respecting their rights. It is also aimed at preventing trafficking in persons, as well as at prosecuting those who engage in such trafficking.

The Convention applies to all forms of trafficking in persons - at the national or transnational level, both related and not related to organized crime. The Convention applies to all persons irrespective of who is the victim of trafficking: women, men or children, and also regardless of the forms of exploitation: sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, etc.

The Convention provides for the establishment of an independent monitoring mechanism ("GRETA"), which would guarantee compliance by the parties with its provisions.

According to statistics, human trafficking is the third most profitable type of criminal activity in the world. And this problem is present in Poland. In this country, human trafficking has acquired an epidemic nature, and in my opinion it takes at least 10 years to cope with it.

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FOREIGN ANTI-CORRUPTION EXPERIENCE

Today total corruption has penetrated all spheres of life in Ukraine. The corruption scope even became a threat to the national security. The Ukrainian society is not only fully aware of the complexity of the current situation, but also claims the government to take strong anti-corruption measures. Recent dramatic events of Euromaidan in Kyiv shows that the Ukrainian people do not want to live as before, tolerate the arbitrariness of officials, corruption and social injustice.

Here are a few examples of countries, which had made substantial progress in fighting corruption. Most of these countries recently had an extremely high level of corruption.

Israel

The basis of all anti-corruption measures in Israel - is ramous monitoring of possible corruption actions. The monitoring is carried out by government agencies, special units of the police, the Office of the State Controller, which is independent from the ministries and various NGOs. If the corruption facts appear the investigating bodies are being informed immediately.

The legislation of Israel provides significant social benefits for the state employers. At the same time the penalties for the officials, involved in corruption actions are very heavy, thus local corruption in the country is almost absent. The number of cases brought to court is less than 5%.

Likewise the register of the corrupted firms has been also created in Israel.

Germany