International experience in fighting against criminality (international cooperation against criminality)

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My report is about OSCE (organization for security and cooperation in Europe), so I want to tell a little bit what it is, how it works and for what we need cooperation with.

The OSCE has a comprehensive approach to security that encompasses politico-military, economic and environmental, and human aspects. It therefore addresses a wide range of security-related concerns, including arms control, confidence- and security-building measures, human rights, national minorities, democratization, policing strategies, counter-terrorism and economic and environmental activities. All 57 participating States enjoy equal status, and decisions are taken by consensus on a politically, but not legally binding basis.

The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine is Ambassador Vaidotas Verba of Lithuania. Her office is located in the country's capital, Kyiv, and is staffed by three international and 41 local personnel. The Co-ordinator's budget in 2013 amounts to EUR 2,826,000.

Policing

OSCE police operations are an integral part of the Organization's efforts in conflict prevention and post-conflict rehabilitation. The OSCE's police-related activities focus on challenges posed by transnational and organized crime, by trafficking in drugs, arms and human beings, failure to uphold the rule of law and by human rights violations. Activities include police education and training, community policing and administrative and structural reforms. Many OSCE field operations run their own programmes on police reform and development.

The fight against cybercrime and human trafficking, and the proper handling by police of gender-based violence are at the centre of the Project Co-ordinator's work on police-related issues in Ukraine. This includes developing and carrying out training courses for law enforcement officials and introducing educational institutions run by the Interior Ministry to interactive teaching tools that can help them investigate and tackle such issues as fraud or the distribution of child abuse materials over the Internet, or money laundering.

Arms control

A key OSCE project in the country is to help Ukraine remove from its territory its stocks of mélange, a highly toxic and volatile rocket fuel component. The Co-ordinator also assists with the rehabilitation of areas contaminated with explosives, organizes training for demining units, and helps produce materials for awareness-raising campaigns for schools on the risks presented by unexploded ordnance and ammunition.

Border management

To support the work of Ukraine's border agencies, the Project Co-ordinator provides equipment and runs training courses on such issues as risk and criminal analysis, or on how to detect environmentally sensitive materials at border crossings. On the border with Belarus, the Co-ordinator helps implement a project to improve radio-ecological security for employees working in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone.

Countering terrorism

Working, among others, with the State Security Service, the Project Co-ordinator helps train officials on the fight against organized crime, international anti-terror co-operation, and how to improve cybersecurity. Other projects comprise training for the State Financial Monitoring Service on strategies to fight money laundering and financial terrorism.