SUBJECT: "UNODC: Request for information regarding investigation and prosecution of women’s murders".


In reply to the above reference, we would like to inform you of the following:

From the qualitative analysis of criminal statistics kept by our Division on the under examination subject of the 'UN Office on Drugs and Crime Working Group', it results that a significant percentage of murders of women in our Country are committed against elderly women during robberies.

The percentage of murders of women resulted from domestic violence against them (as provided for in the provisions of Law 3500/2006) is smaller but not less significant. More specifically, most incidents concern the murder of women committed by their husbands (present, ex and separated) or by their partners and, in a smaller percentage, by other relatives. In the above mentioned cases almost all perpetrators/offenders are men.

2. The Hellenic Police, because of the nature of its mission, constitutes the Body, which is the first to react against crimes, whereas it implements preventive actions in order to deal with all criminal phenomena.

The central strategic objective of the 2010-2014 anti-crime policy of the Ministry for Public Order and Citizen Protection and of the Hellenic Police is: "One modern, efficient Police that is near the citizen", by means of securing
the right of all citizens for security with special emphasis on rendering protection and support to all vulnerable groups of the population, such as women.

To this direction and in the context of the Hellenic Police social actions, Police Services all over Greece are constantly given instructions and orders for activating and sensitizing more efficiently their police personnel on issues concerning the rendering of support and protection to all vulnerable individuals (among them women who are victims of domestic violence, third age persons etc) for preventing their victimization.

Furthermore, the cooperation of the Hellenic Police Services with other Bodies, State or not, is considered very significant for the prevention and efficient response to the maltreatment of women as well as for their support and protection. To this direction, the Hellenic Police cooperates closely with the National Center for Social Solidarity (E.K.K.A.) / Ministry of Labor, which is primarily the competent Body for exercising social policy and for providing social care and social solidarity services, also with the General Secretariat for Gender Equality and other co-competent Bodies in order to render support to women-victims of violence.

3. For your information, please, find attached tables of statistics concerning cases of homicides against women in the time-period of 2010-2012 and in the nine-month period of 2013.

4. The other Issues, which are included in the letter of the United Nations' Office for Drugs and Crime, are beyond our competence.
A significant number of homicides against women committed in Greece concerns old women killed during robberies.

A smaller but equally significant percentage of homicides against women are committed in the context of domestic violence, usually by husbands (current, past and divorced) or partners and, to a lesser extent, by other relatives.

In these cases, almost all perpetrators of homicides against women are men.

The Hellenic Police, in the context of social actions of its agencies, involves its staff and raises their awareness on matters relating to the provision of assistance and protection to all vulnerable persons, including women who are victims of domestic violence, elderly persons etc., with an aim to prevent their victimization.

Finally, the cooperation of the Hellenic Police with other state and private bodies is considered to be very important for preventing and effectively addressing violence against women, as well as for assisting and protecting them.