

Issue I

Airport Communication Project

Recommendation 1

Governments are encouraged to continue their financial and technical support to the Airport Communication Project (AIRCOP) of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) so as to support the establishment of new operational joint airport interdiction task force units and the ongoing professional development of established operations.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

In the European Union has been adopted new EU legislation: Directive (EU) 2016/681 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the use of passenger name record (PNR) data for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences and serious crime, as a reaction after the terrorist attacks committed in Europe. In the Slovak Republic we therefore have been starting to adopt the aim stated in the Directive including the new legislation (for example agreements between the state and airports), institution (new unit), technical equipment, financial aspects.

Recommendation 2

Where they have not already done so, airport-based law enforcement agencies should be encouraged to open a dialogue with the joint airport interdiction task force units, formed under the AIRCOP initiative, to commence information sharing and to build professional networks that will in turn support more effective operational responses against trafficking.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Recommendation 3

Governments are encouraged to support initiatives that facilitate close operational cooperation in the sharing of information between authorities (such as advanced passenger information, passenger name records, and advanced cargo information), in accordance with applicable privacy requirements, to enable effective and timely risk assessment of passengers and airfreight.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

In the Slovak Republic has been created the work group consist of experts on the national level to deal with all mentioned aspects. In the Slovak Republic we have a new unit - Unit of Operational protection of Airports. The staff of the National Crime Agency is seated directly at the International Airport Bratislava (M. R. Štefánik). The staff deal with PNR data, cooperate with the Airport, private companies - Airlines, shipping companies (Cargo). The also profiled the couriers of drugs, money - cash and other illicit goods.

Issue II

Governments should encourage their drug law enforcement authorities to work more closely with drug source countries and transit States through capacity-building programmes such as the UNODC/World Customs Organization (WCO) Container Control Programme.

Container Control Programme

Recommendation 4

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Recommendation 5

Governments should be encouraged to assist other countries in investigating drug seizures made in containerized freight destined for Europe, so as to secure the conviction of those who organize those shipments and the dismantlement of the organized crime networks that profit from their operation.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

In response to new trends we, of course, support investigations from abroad. We have recorded more cases, where perpetrators use the Internet (web page) or Darknet in order to communicate, order the shipments, trade a lots of illicit goods including the drugs, false medicines, anabolic steroids, weapons and others. Nowadays is very hard to establish the perpetrators beyond, or to find evidences against them. In this field is very important the education, sharing the best practices a do operational work - exchange information, new Modus Operandi.

Recommendation 6

Governments should be encouraged to support source countries by making law enforcement experts and relevant technical equipment available to them to improve the technical skills and professional knowledge of their border law enforcement agencies in assessing the threat from organized criminal groups involved in illicit drug trafficking through their territories and designing measures to counter them.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Regarding the Unit mentioned in the field no. 3 we cooperate with the International Airport Zaventem - Brussels, International Airport in Vienna and others. Of course, there is a very close cooperation with the experts from neighbouring countries, especially with the Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary. We also use the platform for education like CEPOL, MEPA, Interpol, EUROPOL, EMCDDA and others.

Issue III

Governments are encouraged to urgently address the necessary control measures regarding the status of new psychoactive substances, which are sometimes marketed as “legal highs”, so as to remove ambiguity in the minds of consumers.

Handling synthetic drug production and responding to changing trends in drug use, new psychoactive substances and precursors

Recommendation 7

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

The Slovak Republic during the Presidency of the Slovak Republic in the Council of the European Union adopted the General Approach with all member states (28) in order to adopt more effective EU legislation on NPS due to the one internal market inside the territory of the EU.

Recommendation 8

Governments are encouraged to urgently undertake research regarding the harmful effects of new psychoactive substances on human health, and to take steps to improve the knowledge of their law enforcement authorities about the manufacture and supply of such substances, including the involvement of organized criminal groups in their trafficking and distribution.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Recommendation 9

Given the important role the Internet plays in promoting the sale of new psychoactive substances, and given the use made of international postal and courier services to deliver them, Governments are encouraged to support their law enforcement agencies in establishing close partnerships with the services concerned to develop new and effective strategies to intercept such substances, including by encouraging the development and use of relevant technical equipment.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

In general the Internet and Darknet are a big problem for the state authorities including the Law Enforcement Unit. Regarding the drugs, false and unregistered medicines, anabolic steroids, we suppose that about 40 - 50% of trade is organising via Internet or Darknet. They are trading with all - illicit goods (drugs, medicines, weapons...). Nowadays we are searching new approach on the national level in terms of detection and investigation in the conditions of the Police force in the Slovak republic. We try to find the optimal model.

Issue IV

Governments should encourage their drug law enforcement agencies to share information with their national financial intelligence units at the early stages of investigations.

Measures to counter money-laundering and illicit financial flows

Recommendation 10

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

The reorganisation at the National Crime Agency of the Presidium of the Police Force created new organisational structure including the personal staff who is able to conduct the financial investigation and support other serious and organised investigations from the beginning.

Recommendation 11

Governments are encouraged to establish inter-agency joint investigation teams to investigate the laundering of proceeds of drug trafficking.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Recommendation 12

Governments are encouraged to support UNODC in the implementation of capacity-building to combat money-laundering and illicit financial flows stemming from drug trafficking.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments: