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## USAGE OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN PREVENTING THE ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION IN UKRAINE

The article was prepared in order to develop proposals regarding ways and directions of using international experience in preventing of illegal circulation in firearms and ammunition. To implement the intended goal have been reviewed the main international legal documents in this area. The main terms that are defined in the UN Conventions and documents of the European Commonwealth in this area have been researched, in particular firearms, under which, according to the European Convention on the Control of the Acquisition and Storage of Firearms by Private Persons of 06/28/1978, it is encouraged to regard any object that intended or adapted for use as a weapon, from which, using explosive, gas or air and any other methods of throwing, it is possible to release a charge of shot, a ball or other ammunition, a charge of toxic gas, a charge of a liquid or other substance.

The scientific approaches and practical recommendations on the use of international experience in improving domestic legislation in the field of the circulation of firearms and ammunition and ways to improve the efficiency of law enforcement agencies, and, first of all, the National Police of Ukraine to prevent crimes in this area of public relations have been analyzed.

Author pointed out, that international organizations provide effective support in harmonizing the legislation of Ukraine with the framework of the UN Protocol against the illicit manufacture and circulation of firearms. In particular, the preparation of a unified toolkit for collecting and analyzing data for the UN Questionnaire on Illicit Arms Traffic, carried out with the assistance of UNODC experts within the framework of the Global Firearms Program (GFP), is important for improving the efficiency of crime investigation and prevention of illegal firearms circulation.

Based on the results of the research, conclusions were drawn about the need to use international experience for the formation of state policy in the area of the circulation of firearms and ammunition, the construction of an effective system of counteraction and prevention of their illegal use by introducing international standards

regarding regulatory, information and analytical, scientific, financial and material – technical support of such activities. It was stated that the implementation of these tasks requires the adoption of a holistic strategy to counter and prevent the illegal circulation of firearms.

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