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ALBANIAN STUDY CENTRE AGAINST TERRORISM AND ORGANIZED CRIME ESTABLISHED AT 2005

THE MISSION:

"The Study Center against Terrorism and Organized Crime" is a volunteer union of experienced experts and researchers in war against crime and devoted to the protection of national interests, state laws and democratic ideals. The Center has the mission to promote initiatives, studies and trends and recommendations for the solution and prevention of crime in Albanian society, ensuring qualified assistance for drafting and implementation of short, medium and long-term strategies.

"The Study Center against Terrorism and Organized Crime" functions as a NGO and aims through activities, studies, theoretical scientific and practical conclusions and recommendations, to enhance cooperation and coordination through state institutions and civil society in the aspect of prevention and war against terrorism and organized crime.

"The Study Center against Terrorism and Organized Crime" has the mission to promote awareness, so that cooperation and responsibility reception from all segments of society, state structures and communities, is the main strategy to prevent any kind of crime.

"The Study Center against Terrorism and Organized Crime" aims to promote, assist and coordinate cooperation between state and private authorities of massive public education in defining of priorities in community level and more, through scientific researches and studies of criminal aspects, trends according to communities and kinds, for the prevention of the terrorist acts and organized crime.

"The Study Center against Terrorism and Organized Crime" takes the Responsibility to gathering, documenting, analyzing, and studying the information on professional-scientific basis, through its specialized members, with scientific Degrees and high military ranks, in the field of terrorism and organized crime. After that the Center informs the respective legal structures, which deal with the prevention and attack of terrorism and organized crime such as the Ministry of Inter, the State Informative Service, the Ministry of Justice, the Prosecution, etc protecting fanatically the anonymity of info source or witnesses, according to agreement with national institutions and international organisms.

Within the structure of "The Study Center against Terrorism and Organized Crime" functions the Private Research and Identification Agency, which leaded by the principles experienced in the Constitution of the Republic of Albania, as well as laws approved by the Albanian Parliament? This

agency consists of experienced specialists, who take the responsibility to exert the function of research and identification of the lost persons, or disappeared, in unknown directions, in cooperation with other state structures or NGO interested to find and identify them, achieving so practically the protection of human rights, in confidential and independent way.

The Private Research and Identification Agency proceeds on request basis of institutions, individuals, families or on its initiative, when notices that the human rights are broken with acts or non acts, that are against laws on power.

The private agents exert their activity not for material purposes. They are not members or employed at the public administration, no members of different religious sects.

The Private Research and Identification Agency cooperates with state institutions, associations and other agencies, especially with People` Attorney to carry its functions and duties. The cooperation includes providing juridical assistance o juridical and physical persons, Albanian or foreign citizens, who claim it, based on procedures that do not face legislation on power.

Private agents have the duty to open and follow up questionnaires of physical and juridical persons, as part of their activity, through confidential interviews, enabling collection of necessary info to detect facts, conditions, and opportunities. As well as concluding on reasons case after case, which are administered and documented in codified way, in the archive and central computer of the “The Study Center against Terrorism and Organized Crime”.

The Research and Identification Agency takes the responsibility to protect the anonymity of the questioned persons, of the persons that help with their testimonies. In cooperation with respective sectors of the Ministry of Interiors, State Police, Prosecution, Court takes proper measures to protect the life and health of the interviewed persons, witnesses, and other persons who don't want to be identified a front of families as well as mass media.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To make scientific researches and studies with qualified forces the causes, phenomena, and trends of the criminal and terrorist phenomena, and to present alternatives, conclusions and recommendations to the responsible state and present structures in prevention and war against them
2. To collect study and statistical data from projects, programs, studies, analysis from all governmental sources, civil society and local and International research institutes in the field of organized crime and terrorism
3. To prepare and offer a scientific alternative treatment of the problems and phenomena in the field of organized crime and terrorism
4. To assist in finding out and identification of the new forms and methods of the war and prevention of the organized crime and terrorism, in cooperation with local, regional and international organizations
5. To coordinate in country and district level the attempts of the regional and international organizations, to build a common regional front and more, for the prevention and war against organized crime, illegal traffic and terrorism

6. To organize sensitive activities, seminars, conferences, symposiums, lectures and special publications to inform the specialists and public, regarding the problems and concerns on the Albanian society in the field of organized crime and terrorism
7. To prepare, qualify and re qualify in continuity its members in the field of acknowledging the newest strategies, methods and techniques in preventing and struggling against organized crime and terrorism, sharing experiences of its members with homologous associations and specialized state organs, locally and abroad
8. To support with recommendation and qualified assistance the improvement of Albanian legislation in prevention and struggle against organized crime and terrorism
9. To protect and present the interests of its members in the Albanian society and more, offering assistance and qualified, moral, juridical, professional and technical support.
10. To offer qualified assistance and support towards the victims of the organized crime and terrorism, with its experts and members and in cooperation with specific state organs
11. To offer qualified assistance in training the employees of private and governmental Policy organs, in the field against organized crime, terrorism and corruption, through reciprocal cooperation, as well as in re qualification and specialization in these fields
12. To involve and train all Albanian citizens, devoted to democracy protection, legal state and communities, protecting them from organized activity and terrorism and admitting them as members or qualified activists
13. To coordinate and be involved with its central and regional boards in the activities, projects, regional programs and recommendations of SECI, EU, and UN for the territory of Republic of Albania, being engaged in a permanent cooperation with competent state organs and international organisms
14. To publish a periodic scientific organ and open an Internet page, for the publication of studies and valuable info in the field of organized crime and terrorism

“The Study Center against Terrorism and Organized Crime” fulfills its mission, objectives and activities through being organized and working as an NGO. It does not follow political purposes or similar natures, implementing correctly the laws of the Albanian state and international conventions that arrange and determine its activity.

Our activity based on moral, material and financial support of its membership fees, on offered donations as grants and national, international or regional assistance, for projects and programs that are compiled and implemented within limits of its mission.

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