

Additional relevant information for experts of the UN Committee on the elimination of discrimination against women regarding the prevention of human trafficking in the Russian Federation

The Russian Federation has formed a national counter- trafficking system (human trafficking), the main elements are the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation and Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation.

In addition to these law-enforcement authorities, which have special counter-trafficking units and units that counter crimes in the sphere of morality, operational staff of Federal Customs Service, Federal Service for Drug Control, Federal Security Service, Federal Service for financial monitoring are involved to identify the concerned crimes.

The effectiveness of such work depends on proper coordination of all law enforcement, which is implemented by the Prosecutor's Office according to art. 1, Federal Law "Concerning the Public Prosecution Office of the Russian Federation". In the Russian Federation, Public attorney has a sufficient authority by law to coordinate the work of all law enforcement agencies, both at the prevention of crimes and during criminal proceedings.

In order to combat human trafficking, the following measures are realized in the Russian Federation:

- The National Security Strategy of the Russian Federation till 2020. It is approved by the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation dd. 12.05.2009 № 537. It reflects that threats related to human trafficking have a negative impact on assurance of the Russian Federation's national interests;

- The concept of public security in the Russian Federation. It is approved by the President of the Russian Federation dd 14.11.2013 № Pr-2685. It notes the need for continuous improvement of political, institutional, social and economic, informational, legal and other measures to prevent, detect and suppress crimes related to human trafficking;

- The program of CIS member states cooperation in counter-trafficking for 2014 – 2018. It is approved by the Board of the Commonwealth of Independent States' Heads (Minsk, October 25, 2013).

A criminal liability for the purchase-and-sale of a human being, other transactions with respect to a person, as well as the recruiting, carriage, transfer, concealment or receiving performed for the purpose of his or her exploitation was introduced in 2003 (Article 127.1 of the Criminal Code - "Human Trafficking") as part of the commitments to implement into domestic law the provisions of the designation of the documents. In addition, in 2003 the Criminal Code has been added with the offense called "Use of Slave Labor" (Article 127.2). In November 2008, the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation has been amended in order to strengthen criminal responsibility for the above mentioned crimes. In particular, it has extended the concept of human trafficking and introduced new aggravating circumstances.

According to the state statistics, just in 2012 - 2014 (inclusive) there were more than 9 thousand (9136) of crimes registered in the field of counter-trafficking in the Russian Federation. 0 (zero) were registered under the article 120 of the Criminal Code (Compulsion to Remove Human Organs or Tissues for Transplantation), 161

were registered under the article 127.1 of the Criminal Code (Human Beings' Trafficking), 37 were registered under the article 127.2 of the Criminal Code (Use of Slave Labor), 1162 were registered under the article 240 of the Criminal Code (Inducing to Prostitution), 3 were registered under the article 240.1 of the Criminal Code (Obtaining Sexual Services from a Minor), 1933 were registered under the article 241 of the Criminal Code (Organization of Prostitution) - 1933, 2576 were registered under the article 242 of the Criminal Code (Illegal Making and Distribution of Pornographic Materials or Objects), 3153 were registered under the article 242.1 of the Criminal Code (Making and Circulating Materials or Articles with Pornographic Images of Minors), 111 were registered under the article 242.2 of the Criminal Code (Attraction of Minors for Making of Pornographic Materials or Objects).

Analysis of the counter-trafficking operational activity of law enforcement bodies of the Russian Federation shows that recently the number of crimes registered under article 127.1 of the Criminal Code (Human Beings' Trafficking) has remained relatively stable over the years .

According to the Main Information and Analytical Center of the MIA of Russia, there were 465 (-6.4%) crimes registered under Art. 127 of the Criminal Code, 412 (-5.5%) crimes were solved, 518 (-2.1%) persons were identified in 2014;

25 (-62.1%) crimes registered under Art. 127.1, 33 (-57.7%) crimes were solved, 39 (-11.4%) people were identified, 69 people were recognized as victims (+ 6.2%);

7 (-46.2%) crimes registered under Art. 127.2 of the Criminal Code, 10 (-9.1%) crimes were solved, 21 (+ 50.0%) people were identified, 51 people were recognized as victims (+ 410%);

387 (+ 38.7%) crimes registered under Art. 240 of the Criminal Code, 335 (+ 2.1%) crimes were solved, 183 (+ 12.3%) people were identified, 284 people were recognized as victims (25%);

632 (-3.1%) crimes registered under Art. 241 of the Criminal Code, 450 (-9.6%) crimes were solved, 708 (0.1%) people were identified.

During the 1st quarter of 2015 on the territory of the Russian Federation there were:

9 (-10% last year's figures) crimes covered by art. 127.1 of the Criminal Code, 3 (-78.6%) crimes were solved, including: committed as a part of organized gang and criminal conspiracy - 0 (-100%), 7 (-46.2%) people were identified;

54 (-23.9%) crimes covered by p. 2.3. art. 127 of the Criminal Code, 41 (18%) crimes were solved, including: as a part of organized gang and criminal conspiracy - 1 (75%), 62 (-31.1%) people were identified.

Statistical data for articles 127.2, 240, 241 of the Criminal Code is formed on 6 months basis.

It is necessary to mention that in the context of the total number of crimes registered on the territory of the Russian Federation (2012 - 2454844, 2013 - 2206249 2014 - 2166399), the percentage of committed crimes covered by article 127.1 of the Criminal Code, is less than one tenth of a percentage point.

During the period from 2010 to 01/07/2015 (Existing reports are made for 6 months) law enforcement authorities identified almost 17 thousand (16 885) crimes (table is attached) in the field of counter trafficking in the Russian Federation

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Article of the Criminal code of the Russian Federation	Registered crimes					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	6 months of 2015
120 (Compulsion to Remove Human Organs or Tissues for Transplantation)	0	0	0	0	0	1
127.1 (Human Beings' Trafficking)	103	50	70	66	25	14
127.2 (Use of Slave Labor)	15	17	17	13	7	1
240 (Inducing to Prostitution)	382	379	496	279	387	118
240.1 (Obtaining Sexual Services from a Minor)	-	-	-	-	3	0
241 (Organization of Prostitution)	958	788	646	652	635	357
242 (Illegal Making and Distribution of Pornographic Materials or Objects)	931	750	913	882	781	480
242.1 (Making and Circulating Materials or Articles with Pornographic Images of Minors)	613	379	554	1603	996	1363
242.2 (Attraction of Minors for Making of Pornographic Materials or Objects)	-	-	6	60	45	50
Total	3002	2363	2702	3555	2879	2384