

**SUMMARY**

**Kurylo V.I., Kravchuk M. Yu. Role of Interpol in combating bioterrorism.** The article deals with the study of the activities of international organizations on consolidation of efforts to prevent the possibility of the entry of weapons of mass destruction, in particular biological, into the hands of terrorists. In particular, it has been found that Interpol plays one of the leading roles among international organizations in the fight against bioterrorism, focusing on the functions of information-analytical and scientific-methodological support of the activities of the states in the field of prevention and fight against bioterrorism. Unlike most other international organizations that are part of the institutional international mechanism for combating bioterrorism, Interpol directly has a number of functions in the field of combating bioterrorism. Interpol's remit has been identified as combating the theft and seizure of dangerous biological agents that can later be used to commit terrorist attacks.

Through its National Bureaux, Interpol assists in the execution of requests by international law enforcement agencies and law enforcement agencies of different countries in accordance with their international treaties. In the framework of the fight against bioterrorism, Interpol has developed a special program for the prevention of acts of bioterrorism, which provides for the implementation of a complex of measures for the prevention of bioterrorism.

It is revealed that UkrBureau's Interpol Bureau is an independent structural unit of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine as a department, which provides the Ministry with the powers to represent Ukraine in the International Criminal Police Organization - Interpol and the European Police Office, as well as the Ministry of Justice. Interpol and the Europol National Contact Point in Ukraine. It is investigated that the National Central Bureau cooperates precisely with the law-enforcement bodies of Ukraine, particularly with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the General Prosecution office, the Security Service etc. The conclusion is made about the multi-vector activity of the organization and the effectiveness of cooperation of the National Central Bureau of Interpol with law enforcement agencies of Ukraine.

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