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PROCEDURE

of Monitoring Drug and Alcohol Situation in Ukraine

1. This Procedure defines the mechanism of monitoring drug and alcohol situation in Ukraine (hereinafter –Monitoring), as well as sets up the rules and objectives for monitoring agents.

2. The monitoring shall be conducted to identify negative trends for the circulation of drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, alcohol, new potentially dangerous psychoactive substances (hereinafter – Psychoactive Substances), associated with drug and alcohol addiction in population; to identify new threats to national security arising from illicit trafficking in psychoactive substances, as well as to identify the factors causing those threats; to prepare suggestions on how to prevent the expansion of illicit trafficking in psychoactive substances.

3. The monitoring is carried out by the Center for Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Monitoring of the Ministry of Health (hereinafter – the Center), according to the indicators defined by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the International Narcotics Control Board.

The monitoring shall stipulate a regular surveillance of the situation related to the circulation of psychoactive substances, combating their illicit trafficking, nonmedical drug use prevention measures, treatment, resocialization, diagnosis and rehabilitation (medical and social) of the addicted persons, in compliance with all legislative personal data protection requirements.

4. The main objectives of the monitoring are:

- to collect and analyze information on all the psychoactive substance circulation processes and aspects, on combating illicit drug trafficking, on nonmedical drug use prevention measures, on treatment and resocialization.

- to identify timely the negative trends for drug and alcohol addiction in population, new threats to the national security resulting from illegal trafficking in psychoactive substances, as well as to identify the factors that cause those threats.

- to forecast the development of the drug and alcohol situation in Ukraine, as well as to prepare suggestions on how to prevent the illicit trafficking in psychoactive substances.

5. The monitoring data collection sources are as follows:

- national statistics;
- information/data from monitoring agents, according to the [indicators, defined in item 8](#) of the present Procedure;
- information and analytical documents of the monitoring agents;
- data collected from the profile scientific and sociological studies on the circulation of psychoactive substances, on combating illicit drug trafficking, on nonmedical drug use prevention measures, on treatment and resocialization of the addicted persons.

6. The monitoring agents are the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Youth and Sports, National Social Service, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Defense, National Police, State Fiscal Service, Administration of State Border Guard Service, State Service on Medicines and Drug Control, State Statistics Service, State Financial Monitoring Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Regional state administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol city state administrations; as well as and under their consent, the Supreme Court, Security Service of Ukraine, Prosecutor General's

Office, National Academy of Medical Sciences, State Management of Affairs, Ukrainian Railway JSC, non-governmental organizations.

7. The monitoring agents shall ensure the submission of information/data and information and analytical documents to the Center annually by May 1, according to the [indicators, defined in item 8](#) of the present Procedure.

When required, the Center may additionally submit requests to the monitoring agents regarding the necessary information on the drug and alcohol situation in Ukraine.

8. The following indicators are subject to monitoring:

1) general population surveys among individuals aged 15-16, prevalence and patterns of using psychoactive substances (including their category, type, effects of their use)

The indicator is based on information/data from survey conducted among individuals aged 15-16 that report the prevalence and patterns of drug use (categories and types of substances, as well as factors| and motivation of their use) frequency, availability and sites.

The Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Youth and Sports (with NGOs' involvement when applicable) shall provide data from a questionnaire/survey of respondents in the age group of 15-16 years old, according to the form presented in [Annex 1](#);

2) general population surveys among individuals aged 15-64, prevalence and patterns of using psychoactive substances (including their category, type, effects of their use)

The indicator is based on information/data from survey conducted among individuals aged 15-64 that report the prevalence and patterns of drug use (categories and types of substances, as well as factors| and motivation of their use) frequency, availability and sites

The National Social Service, Ministry of Health (with NGOs' involvement when applicable) shall provide data from a questionnaire/survey of respondents in the age group of 15-64 years old, according to the form presented in [Annex 2](#);

3) treatment demand, prevalence of mental and behavioral disorders due to psychoactive substance use

The indicator includes information/data on agencies and facilities providing medical and mental health services to people with drug-related mental and behavioral disorders, the number and characteristics of persons who applied for treatment of mental and behavioral disorders due to the use of psychoactive substances, types of medical care provided to them.

The Ministry of Health, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Council of Ministers of Crimea, Regional, Kyiv City and Sevastopol City State Administrations, Security Service, State Management of Affairs, National Academy of Medical Sciences, Ukrainian railway shall provide data/information on morbidity, prevalence and treatment of individuals with mental and behavioral disorders due to the use of psychoactive substances, according to the form presented in [Annex 3](#);

4) problem use of drugs and psychotropic substances

The indicator provides for the analysis by the Center (with NGOs' involvement when applicable) of the data collected from monitoring agents on drug use by injection, regular and/or long-term use of opioids, cocaine and/or amphetamines, cannabis, including new substances, according to the forms presented in [Annex 1-3](#);

5) drug-related deaths

The indicator includes information/data on the number of drug-related deaths (in terms of gender, age, and death reasons, according to the International Statistical Classification of Diseases

and Related Health Problems (ICD), as well as the number of deaths with the identified evidence of psychoactive substances in the biological material of the deceased.

The State Statistics Service shall provide information/data on individuals who died as a result of using psychoactive substances (in terms of gender, age, and death reasons according to ICD-10), according to the form presented in [Annex 4](#) (Tables 1 and 2).

The Ministry of Health shall provide information/data on the number of deceased individuals with the identified evidence of substances in the biological material, according to the form presented in [Annex 4](#) (Table 3);

6) infectious diseases of people who inject drugs and psychotropic substances

The indicator includes information/data on the number of people who use injected drugs and psychotropic substances, and who have the infectious diseases like hepatitis, tuberculosis, HIV, as well as on HIV Test Programs (orders, guidelines, methodological recommendations, NGP projects, etc.)

The Ministry of Health (with NGOs' involvement when applicable), Council of Ministers of Crimea, Regional, Kyiv City and Sevastopol City State Administrations shall provide information/data on the number of individuals who use injected drugs and psychotropic substances, and who have the infectious diseases like hepatitis, tuberculosis, HIV, according to the form presented in [Annex 5](#) (Tables 1, 3-7).

The Ministry of Justice shall provide information/data on the number of individuals in penitentiary and pre-trial detention facilities and who use injected drugs and psychotropic substances, and who have the infectious diseases like hepatitis, tuberculosis, HIV, according to the form in [Annex 5](#) (Table 2);

7) illicit trafficking in psychoactive substances and drug-related crime

The indicator includes information/data on seizures/detection of drugs and psychotropic substances (by category, type and price), channels, drug-related offences, dismantled laboratories, cultivation of plants containing drugs and psychotropic substances.

The Ministry of Justice shall provide information/data on the seizures/detection of drugs or psychotropic substances in penitentiary and pre-trial detention facilities, any number of individuals, substance research laboratories, according to the form presented in [Annex 6](#) (Tables 1-4, 9).

The National Police, State Tax Service, Ministry of Defense, State Border Guard Service, Security Service, Prosecutor Generals' Office shall provide information/data on seizures/detection of drugs or psychotropic substances in Ukraine while their importing, exporting, transiting, shipping, etc., as well as data on their channels (by category, type and price), crime related to illicit trafficking in substances, dismantled laboratories and cultivation of plants containing drugs and psychotropic substances, according to the form presented in [Annex 6](#) (Tables 5-30);

8) preventive measures aimed at reducing psychoactive substance use

The indicator includes information/data on the implemented substance use prevention and reduction measures, the number of families/individuals involved in these activities, the number of families/individuals who turned out in hard life situations due to the substance use, the number of distributed personal protective equipment.

The Ministry of Health, National Social Service, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, National Police, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Council of Ministers of Crimea, Regional, Kyiv City and Sevastopol City State Administrations shall provide information/data on the implemented medical, social and economic and other preventive measures aimed at preventing and reducing substance use, according to the form presented in [Annex 7](#);

9) legislation on the circulation of psychoactive substances and combating their illicit trafficking

The indicator includes information on changes in the legislation in the field of circulation of drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, as well as combating their illicit trafficking, cooperation with other countries in this area in the reporting year.

The Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Police, State Tax Service, State Border Guard Service, State Service on Medicines and Drugs Control, State Financial Monitoring Service, as well as and under their consent, the Security Service, Prosecutor Generals' Office, Supreme Court shall provide information on as follows:

- names, dates, numbers of regulatory legal acts adopted in the reporting year on the circulation of drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, activities on combating their illicit trafficking and other documents related to illicit trafficking in drugs, psychotropic substances, their analogues, precursors, including those on combating money laundering, property forfeit, controlled deliveries, etc.;

- names, brief description, expected results from the implementation of draft laws and regulations that were elaborated in the reporting year and regarding the circulation of drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors and activities on combating their illicit trafficking in Ukraine;

- name, brief description of the challenges to be addressed, the list of agents covered by the draft regulations that were scheduled for the coming year and regarding the circulation of drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors and activities on combating their illicit trafficking in Ukraine;

- names, dates, validity of bilateral and multilateral international agreements/treaties/memoranda concluded with other countries during the reporting year, in accordance with the areas stated in Articles 5-7 and 17 of the [UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances](#);

- names of competent authorities, international organizations, countries with which bilateral and multilateral international agreements/treaties/memoranda were concluded during the reporting year;

- areas of cooperation within the international agreements/treaties/memoranda in accordance with the areas stated in Articles 5-7 and 17 of the [UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances](#);

- list of competent authorities, international organizations, countries with which the bilateral and multilateral agreements/ treaties/ memoranda on cooperation in the field of circulation of drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors and activities on combating their illicit circulation were concluded at the beginning of the reporting year;

10) social reintegration of individuals addicted to psychoactive substances

The indicator includes the list of institutions/organizations and types of assistance/services provided to the individuals who completed the treatment course or overcame hard life situations.

The National Social Service, Ministry of Justice (with NGOs' involvement when applicable) shall provide information/data on the implemented measures of rehabilitation and re-socialization aimed at the integration into society of individuals addicted to psychoactive substances, according to the form presented in [Annex 8](#).

9. The Center shall summarize, analyze and assess the data provided by the monitoring agents, according to the [indicators, defined in item 8](#) of the present Procedure, and it shall prepare a report on the drug and alcohol situation in Ukraine.

10. The report on the drug and alcohol situation in Ukraine shall be available to public on the official website of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine.