

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

DECISION

No. 1053-A of 25 September 2014

**ON APPROVING THE PROGRAMME OF MEASURES AND SCHEDULE ON
COMBATING DRUG ADDICTION AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTIC DRUGS
IN THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA FOR 2015**

In accordance with Article 52 of the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances", the Government of the Republic of Armenia hereby ***decides:***

1. To approve:

(1) The Programme of Measures on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs in the Republic of Armenia for 2015 in accordance with Appendix No. 1;

(2) The Schedule of Measures on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs in the Republic of Armenia for 2015 in accordance with Appendix No. 2.

Prime Minister of the Republic of

Armenia

H. Abrahamyan

2 October 2014

Yerevan

Annex No 1

**to the Decision of the Government of
the Republic of Armenia No 1053-A of
25 September 2014**

PROGRAMME

OF MEASURES ON COMBATING DRUG ADDICTION AND TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTIC DRUGS IN THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA FOR 2015

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs has been deeply rooted and has become one of the major problems of big and small states. This affects not only the social and economic structures of states but also the political and international relations. It has become a common problem, the combat against which requires comprehensive cooperation of law enforcement bodies of states.
2. The assessments of global cooperation show that international terrorism remains the main threat to the security of the countries of the world the main source of funding whereof are the revenues generated from the sale of narcotic drugs in the "black markets" as a factor endangering humanity.
3. Criminal groups are formed on the funds acquired from illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs which impact internal and external policies of the countries. Despite of measures taken by global community, the effectiveness of combat against illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs is not high as of today.

4. Counteracting trafficking in narcotic drugs, which is connected with active political, economic, cultural integration of different countries, is not possible to achieve within the framework of one country, moreover, one agency. It is necessary to develop and implement joint prevention projects aimed at reduced demand for narcotic drugs which will result in the decline of supply thereof.

5. According to annual global report, 230-300 million of the world population has illicitly used narcotic drugs at least once (4.5-6.7 percent of which are persons aged 15-64).

6. To make the combat against illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors more active in the Republic of Armenia, to properly organize the process of counteracting thereto, during 2014 the interested government agencies of the Republic of Armenia have implemented a number of operative-prevention and organisational measures that have been aimed at prevention and detection of such occurrences.

7. For prevention and detection of smuggling of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors into the territory of the Republic of Armenia, law enforcement bodies of the Republic of Armenia actively participate in antidrug operation "Kanal" ("channel") - held on permanent basis within the State Parties to Collective Security Treaty Organisation.

8. A large-scale operative-prevention measure "Kanep-Kakach" ("Cannabis-Poppy") is held annually throughout the Republic of Armenia, in which the employees of the Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia, subdivisions of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Armenia, local self-government bodies and representatives of mass media are involved.

9. For the purpose of boosting inter-agency cooperation in the mentioned area it is necessary to develop an annual programme of side events, which will be aimed at prevention, detection of crimes related to drug addiction, illicit trafficking in psychotropic substances and their precursors.

II. PROGRAMME GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

10. The main goals of the Programme on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs in the Republic of Armenia for 2015 are:

- (1) creation of necessary conditions for decreasing crimes related to illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors;
- (2) early prevention and detection of drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs; ensuring systematic activity of public authorities and other state organisations for that purpose;
- (3) elimination of conditions and causes contributing to drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs dangerous for society.

11. The main objectives of the Programme are:

- (1) increase of efficiency of state bodies' cooperation aimed at early prevention and detection of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors and related crimes;
- (2) comprehensive analyses of the laws and other legal acts of the Republic of Armenia regulating combat against drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, improvement thereof and bringing them in line with the requirements of international treaties of the Republic of Armenia;
- (3) effective arrangement of treatment of drug-dependent persons, modernisation of narcological services and introduction of a social rehabilitation system;
- (4) improvement and strengthening of international and inter-agency cooperation in the area of combating drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs.

III. MAIN DIMENSIONS OF THE PROGRAMME

12. To organise the combat against drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors more effectively in 2015, it is advisable to implement several measures in the following dimensions:

(1) improvement of domestic legal acts of the Republic of Armenia and bringing them in line with the international treaties; to that end, it is necessary to implement a systematic analysis of the domestic legal acts of the Republic of Armenia — upon necessity — to present recommendations on making amendments and supplements thereto in accordance with the provisions of UN Conventions of 1961, 1971 and 1988 and international instruments;

(2) implementation of operative-prevention and special measures in combating drug addiction, narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors: under this dimension, it is necessary to intensify control over illicit transportation of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors at border check points and customs control zones of the Republic of Armenia and to ensure effective border control;

(3) implementation of drug addiction prevention measures among military servants; development of close cooperation between territorial military commissariats and subdivisions of the Police;

(4) raising awareness of the populations in relation to harms and consequences caused by drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs: under this dimension, it is necessary to provide regular mass media coverage on the measures implemented to prevent drug addiction; to make regular the participation of responsible representatives of the competent authorities and organisations in television and radio programmes, press conferences; jointly with public and private TV companies, to make and broadcast special programmes, thematic films, video clips;

(5) improving professional knowledge of officers engaged in combat against drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, developing cooperation with

international law enforcement bodies: to that end, it will be necessary to involve the officers of competent subdivisions of law enforcement bodies of the Republic of Armenia in the training and professional knowledge enhancement programs in the educational establishments of law-enforcement bodies of CIS and CSTO states; to conduct seminars, workshops with the aim to introduce international experience into the Republic of Armenia;

(6) treatment of persons using narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and implementation of rehabilitation measures therefor: under this dimension, it is desired to modernise the narcological services, ensure close cooperation among the non-governmental organisations implementing prevention projects for persons using narcotic drugs and medical establishments providing narcological medical assistance and services, ensure employment of persons registered at narcological services;

(7) implementation of healthy lifestyle measures among minors and youth: to that end, it will be necessary to organise and implement health and sports and mass sports events, conduct advocacy programmes through electronic and mass media with the purpose to ensure engagement among minors and to prevent possible use of narcotic drugs thereby.

IV. PROGRAMME FUNDING

13. The financial expenditures required for the implementation of the measures envisaged by the programme are planned to be made from the following sources:

(1) money allocated from the state budget of the Republic of Armenia to a respective state body for the given year;

(2) funds from international organisations as well as donor states providing technical aid and consultation;

(3) other sources.

V. EXPECTED OUTCOMES FROM PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

14. The measures implemented within the framework of the programme will have their positive reflection in the field of prevention of drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs. Particularly, the outcomes expected from the implementation of the programme are:

- (1) improvement of legislative base required for the combat against drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs;
- (2) boosting combat against drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs;
- (3) reduction of the volume of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors;
- (4) raising and strengthening effectiveness of the activities and cooperation of law enforcement bodies in the sphere of combat against drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs.

**Minister-Chief of Staff of
the Government
of the Republic of Armenia**

D. Harutyunyan

Annex No 2

to the Decision N 1053-A

of 25 September 2014

SCHEDULE

**OF MEASURES ON COMBATING DRUG ADDICTION AND TRAFFICKING IN
NARCOTIC DRUGS IN THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA FOR 2015**

| NN | Measure title | Expected Outcome | Implementing Body | Period of Implementation | Funding Source |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| I. Improvement of domestic legal acts of the Republic of Armenia regulating the field of combat against drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and bringing them in line with international treaties | | | | | |
| 1. | Implementation of structural analysis of domestic legal acts of the Republic of Armenia regulating the field of combat against drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and — upon necessity— proposing relevant recommendations on making amendments and supplements thereto in accordance with the provisions of UN Conventions and international instruments | improvement of legislative framework | The Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia | During the year 2015 | No financing is required |

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| 2. | Development of didactic materials and descriptive reports related thereto on combat against drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs in the Republic of Armenia based on the work outcomes of the year 2014 (in Armenian, Russian and English languages) | This will enable to present the combat against drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs in the republic and the implemented measures during the international meetings. | The Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia National Security Service adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia | Third 10-day of February, 2015 | No financing is required |
| 3. | Inclusion of newly emerged narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors in the Republic of Armenia in the list of prohibited and controlled substances, making respective amendments and supplements in the lists establishing their limits | This will reduce the illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. | The Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia National Security Service adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Finance of the | During the year 2015 | No financing is required |

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| II. Implementation of operative-prevention and special measures in the combat against drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs | | | | | |
| 4. | Implementation of the provisions of interstate agreements, international programmes ratified by the Republic of Armenia in the combat against drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs | enhancement of international cooperation in the combat against illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors | The Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia National Security Service adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia | During the year 2015 | State budget of the Republic of Armenia and means not prohibited by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia |
| 5. | 5.1. Improvement of ensuring the control at border check points and customs control zones of the Republic of Armenia 5.2. Enhancement and enlargement of technical base of cynological centres of the Police of the | detection of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors illicitly transportated through customs borders of the Republic of Armenia | The Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia | During the year 2015 | State budget of the Republic of Armenia and means not prohibited by legislation of the Republic of |

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| | Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia | | | | Armenia |
| 6. | Submission of recommendations on raising the effectiveness of prevention of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors to the Government of the Republic of Armenia | prevention of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors | The Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia National Security Service adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia Yerevan Municipality (with consent) Marzpetarans of the Republic of Armenia | During the year 2015 | No financing is required |
| 7. | Submission of recommendations on | prevention of use of narcotic drugs, | Ministry of Defence of the | During the year 2015 | No financing is |

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| | carrying out prevention and educational measures among military servants | psychotropic substances and their precursors among military servants | <p>Republic of Armenia</p> <p>The Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>National Security Service adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia</p> | | required |
| 8. | <p>8.1. Close cooperation between territorial subdivisions of the Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia and military commissariats</p> <p>8.2. Involvement of relevant medical experts in medical commissions during military calls-up</p> | detection of instances of illicit use of narcotic drugs or psychoactive substances by citizens when they are drafted to compulsory military service in the armed forces | <p>Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>The Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>National Security Service adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia</p> | During the year 2015 | State budget of the Republic of Armenia and means not prohibited by legislation of the Republic of Armenia |
| III. Raising awareness of the population in relation to harms caused by drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs | | | | | |
| 9. | 9.1. Joint development | raising awareness | The Police of | During the | State |

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| <p>and broadcast of special programmes, thematic films, video clips by public and private TV companies</p> <p>9.2. Organisation of advocacy works and dissemination of necessary information with the purpose of prevention of drug addiction</p> | <p>of the population on drug addiction and the harms caused thereby</p> | <p>the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia, mass media outlets (with consent)</p> | <p>year 2015</p> | <p>budget of the Republic of Armenia and means not prohibited by legislation of the Republic of Armenia</p> |
| <p>IV. Enhancing professional knowledge of officers in the field of combat against drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs; development of international cooperation</p> | | | | |
| <p>10. Involvement of officers of the competent subdivisions of law enforcement bodies of the republic in the training and other knowledge enhancement programs in the educational establishments of the law enforcement bodies of CIS and</p> | <p>improvement of professional knowledge of respective employees, exchange of experience</p> | <p>The Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>National Security Service adjunct to the Government of the Republic of</p> | <p>During the year 2015</p> | <p>State budget of the Republic of Armenia and means not prohibited by legislation of the Republic of Armenia</p> |

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| | CSTO member states | | <p>Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia</p> | | |
| 11. | <p>11.1. Ensuring participation in workshops, seminars with the purpose to introduce the international experience in the Republic of Armenia in the field of combat against drug addiction and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs</p> <p>11.2. Active participation in expert and working groups</p> | enforcement of cooperation with competent authorities of foreign state; exchange of advanced practice | <p>The Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>National Security Service adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Armenia</p> | During the year 2015 | State budget of the Republic of Armenia and means not prohibited by legislation of the Republic of Armenia |
| 12. | Ensuring technical re-equipment of | improvement of available technical | The Police of the Republic of | During the year 2015 | State budget of |

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| <p>competent subdivisions of the Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia, the penitentiary institutions of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia</p> | <p>means of the competent subdivisions</p> | <p>Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia</p> | | <p>the Republic of Armenia and means not prohibited by legislation of the Republic of Armenia</p> |
| <p>V. Rehabilitation measures for persons using narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances</p> | | | | |
| <p>13. 13.1. Needs assessment of services implementing rehabilitation works for persons having ceased to use narcotic drugs and submission of recommendations to the Government of the Republic of Armenia 13.2. Involvement of persons registered in narcological services, who are in the stage of remission or have successfully completed the treatment regimen, in the state programme for employment</p> | <p>integration of persons having ceased to use narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, those in the stage of remission, having completed the treatment regimen into the society</p> | <p>Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia Yerevan Municipality (with consent) Marzpetarans of the Republic of Armenia</p> | <p>During the year 2015</p> | <p>State budget of the Republic of Armenia and means not prohibited by legislation of the Republic of Armenia</p> |
| <p>14. Within the framework of social services — comprehensive assessment of social needs of persons prone to drug addiction and</p> | <p>provision of required social-rehabilitation assistance to persons prone to drug addiction within the</p> | <p>Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, Yerevan Municipality</p> | <p>During the year 2015</p> | <p>State budget of the Republic of Armenia and means not</p> |

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| | provision of social services package appropriate to such needs | framework of social programmes | (with consent) Marzpetarans of the Republic of Armenia | | prohibited by legislation of the Republic of Armenia |
| 15. | Ensuring close cooperation among medical establishments rendering narcological medical assistance and services and non-governmental organisations implementing prevention projects among persons using narcotic drugs and the population | raising effectiveness of prevention projects, ensuring better accessibility of narcological medical assistance and service | Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia Yerevan Municipality (with consent) Marzpetarans of the Republic of Armenia | During the year 2015 | No financing is required |
| VI. Healthy lifestyle measures among minors and youth | | | | | |
| 16. | Provision of methodological assistance to primary and secondary vocational education institutions, inclusion of materials on prevention of drug addiction among population in the section “Pernicious habits” of the programme “Healthy lifestyle” | fostering social immunity to using narcotic drugs among minors and youth | Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia Yerevan Municipality (with consent) Marzpetarans of the Republic of Armenia | During the year 2015 | No financing is required |
| 17. | 17.1. Ensuring organisation and conduct of physical training and health as well as mass sports events 17.2. Advocacy on physical training and | organisation of active leisure, reinforcement of healthy lifestyle, public awareness, involvement of large sectors of society in sports trainings, multi- | Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of the Republic of Armenia Yerevan Municipality (with consent) | During the year 2015 | State budget of the Republic of Armenia and means not prohibited by |

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| | health as well as sports events through print, electronic and mass media outlets | facet and harmonious development of population, health promotion, raising the role of physical training and sports | Marzpetarans of the Republic of Armenia, non-governmental organisations (with consent) | | legislation of the Republic of Armenia |
| 18. | As per residential places — creation of simple playgrounds | creation of playgrounds in the yards and rest zones of communities (parks, public gardens) equipped with simple sports equipment (pull-up bars, swings, parallel bars, tools and composite facilities for sliding, climbing and pulling, etc.) | Yerevan Municipality (with consent) Marzpetarans of the Republic of Armenia Local self-governing bodies (with consent) | During the year 2015 | State budget of the Republic of Armenia and means not prohibited by legislation of the Republic of Armenia |

**Minister-Chief of Staff of the
Government of the Republic of Armenia**

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