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MEDICRIME CONVENTION: A KEY TOOL AGAINST ORGANISED CRIME

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Organised by the Council of Europe, in partnership with the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Health

Description: The aims of this regional conference are to strengthen the fight against counterfeit medical products and similar crimes in the Balkan region by ensuring the necessary support for the implementation of the MEDICRIME Convention and to encourage international co-operation.

The MEDICRIME Convention is open to member and non-member States of the Council of Europe, as is the case for recent conventions. Considering the global threat posed by counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes, the MEDICRIME Convention is set to have a potentially universal dimension.

The Convention is the first instrument to oblige States Parties to criminalise:

- the manufacturing of counterfeit medical products;
- supplying, offering to supply and trafficking in counterfeit medical products;
- the falsification of documents;
- the unauthorised manufacturing or supplying of medicinal products and the placing on the market of medical devices which do not comply with conformity requirements.

The Convention also provides for a framework for national and international co-operation across the different sectors of the public administration, measures for coordination at national level, preventive measures for use by public and private sectors and protection of victims and witnesses.

Furthermore, it foresees the establishment of a monitoring body to oversee the implementation of the Convention by the States Parties.

The Convention was opened for signature on 28 October 2011 in Moscow (Russian Federation).

More information is available at www.coe.int/medicrime

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