Institutional Capacities of HIDAA

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Institutional Capacities

Discussing the following issues:

- the training and qualification of HIDAA staff
- Publications
- International support and assistance
- Training session provided for the public administration
- Transparency

Specialized Staff

The training of HIDAA staff

- The High Inspectorate is an Independent Public Institution and has its own budget, set by the Assembly. HIDAA reports to the Assembly each year about its activity.
- The specialized HIDAA staff has 10 High Inspectors and 8 Assistant High Inspectors.
- ❖ 4 High Inspectors are certificated as "Experts on the Prevention of Conflicts of Interests" (a six month training course in collaboration with USAID (July-December 2006).
- ❖ In collaboration with USAID, HIDAA staff had a 2-week training seminar with experts from USAID for "Ethics in the Public Administration" (February 2007).

Exchange of Experience

- The High Inspectorate has exchanged experience on the fight against corruption with:
 - a. United States of America
 - b. France
 - c. Australia
 - d. Netherland
- HIDAA has offered legal expertize for counterpart agencies in:
 - a. Macedonia
 - b. Kosova
 - c. Ucraine



Exchange of Experience



- a. Indonezia (IAACA)
- b. China (IAACA)
- c. Lithuania and Latvia
- d. Macedonia
- e. Tunisia
- f. Jordan

etc.

Publications

- For the enforcement of its capacities HIDAA has issued:
 - 1. HIDAA Methodology
 - "On the declaration and audit of assets ..." and "On the prevention of conflicts of interest ..."
 - 2. Legal Commentaries (No. 1,2,3,4)
 Unifying the techniques and the mechanisms on the prevention of conflicts of interest and hiding the assets
 - 3. Explanatory Manual
 A training manual on the prevention of conflicts of interest
 - 4. HIDAA Regulation

 "On the Prevention of Conflicts of Interest in the exercise of public functions at HIDAA"

International Support

Partners

- ☐ **USAID** (Program "Rule of Law" of Cassals and DPK Consulting)
- a. Technical and legal assistance for the staff
- Specialized training for the staff and the public administration
- c. Providing possibilities with regard to the exchange of experience with counterpart agencies

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- a. Trainings for the public administration (mainly locally)
- b. Support for the publication of commentaries

Legal framework

Article 42 of the Law No.9367, dated 7 April 2005 "On the prevention of conflics of interests in the exercise of public functions":

The High Inspectorate as the Central Responsible Authority for the implementation of this law, has the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) the management and improvement of the polices and mechanisms of preventing and avoiding conflicts of interest
- b) the offering of technical assistance for advising and supporting legal and substatutory initiatives undertaken by the public institutions for the prevention of conflicts of interest;



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- **Ç)** the strengthening of the capacities for the administration of conflicts of interest in the public institutions
- f) counseling particular officials, superiors, and superior institutions, at their request, about specific cases of the appearance of a conflict of interests and questions of ethics related to them, as well as on the period registration of interests;

Main focus of our training

- 1. Training on the law No.9049 dated 10 April 2003 "On the Declaration and Audit of Assets, Financial Obligations of the Elected and certain Public Officials"
- 2. Training on the law No.9367 dated 7April 2005 "On the Prevention of Conflicts of Interest in the Exercise of Public Functions"
- * Training on the completion of the declaration forms
- Training on the role and duties of the Responsible Authorities
- Training on draft Internal Regulations
- Training on Conflicts of Interest



Trained Groups

- ★ Representatives of the Local Government (Mayors and Chairmen of Communes and Districts)
- → Responsible Authorities
- → Directors of Directorates and General Secretaries of the central institutions
- → Regional Directors and Directors of juridical directorates
- → Officials of General Directory of Taxation and Customs

Year 2007- 600 public officials have been trained (the majority of them from Local Governement)

May 2008 - 150 Officials of General Directory of Taxation and Customs

Conclusions as a result of the trainings:

- * Suggestions have been made, which have improved the sample of the declaration form
- * Sample of regulations which have served as the basis for drafting other regulations have been delivered.
- * Case study have been drafted, developed from the raised questions, which have served as a basis for the commentary no. 4
- Questions have been raised in a written form and through telephone, with regard to Conflict of Interest

Trainings are performed with the collaboration of: USAID, OSCE, TIPA

TRANSPARENCY

Legislation on publication

- Article 34, law "On declaration of assets"
- Article 18, law "On conflict of Interests"
- Law "On public Information" (30 June 1999)
- The decision no.11 of the Constitutional Court (2004)
- Year 2007, HIDAA has submitted: 590 copies of declarations
- Year 2008, HIDAA has submitted: 300 copies of declarations

THANK YOU!