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**COMBATING DRUG ADDICTION AND ALCOHOL
ABUSE AS BACKGROUND FOR THE CRIME
PHENOMENA: CHARACTERISTICS OF PRIORITY
AREAS AND MEASURES**

This article is devoted to the research of combating drug and alcohol abuse as background for the crime phenomena. It is affirmed that the main objectives of anti-drug and anti-alcohol policy should be: general anti-drug and anti-alcohol education and upbringing of the younger generation, formation of a negative public attitude to these phenomena; consistent measures for reducing the consumption of drugs and alcohol production by the population in case of a complete state monopoly; prevention, elimination or mitigation of socially negative, including criminal consequences of drug and alcohol abuse by the population; guaranteeing protection of interests of citizens, families, society and the state against drug addiction and alcohol abuse processes; realization of public health protection, especially young people, prevention of degradation of population's gene pool, stabilization and improving social and demographic situation.

The author suggests to develop a normative and legal act that would regulate the following issues: determining institutions providing appropriate specialized care, their objectives and

tasks; assignment, modification and discontinuation of compulsory treatment; the legal status of persons placed in the institutions providing specialized care; grounds and procedures for using special measures of medical and correctional influence; liability for unlawful placement in a rehabilitation center, specialized medical and correctional institution; the individual's right to appeal or a court's decision about compulsory treatment; lawyer's participation in a court sitting, etc. It is emphasized on the feasibility of starting full-scale medical and social rehabilitation system.

The following main ways of special counteraction to drug addiction and alcohol abuse should be outlined: stoppage of using drugs and alcohol and being intoxicated in appropriate public places; identifying haunts and persons providing premises for producing and using drugs, alcohol and harlotry, involving minors; establishing people violating the rules of alcoholic products' trade, producing and storing with the aim of selling alcohol drinks without special permission; prevention of family alcoholism and drug addiction; purposeful anti-drug and anti-alcohol propaganda.