The SHERLOC Newsletter is pleased to share with you our recent efforts to facilitate the dissemination of information regarding the implementation of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three Protocols.

THE NEXUS BETWEEN ORGANIZED CRIME AND TERRORISM

Spotlight: UNODC investigating the linkages between organized crime and terrorism

Under the Education for Justice initiative (E4J), a component of the Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration, the Organized Crime Branch (OCB) and the Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) are working jointly to enhance the understanding of the linkages between organized crime and terrorism. To this end, OCB and TPB jointly organized an international academic conference to explore and counter the linkages between these two crimes, which was hosted by the College of Law of Qatar University, in Doha, on 25-26 April 2018.
During the two-day discussion, selected international academics and other experts tackled a wide selection of topics, ranging from the interplay between international, regional and national legal frameworks regulating terrorism and organized crime, to various types of linkages between terrorism and organized crime in different regions, and the appropriate policy, legal and judicial responses.

UNODC’s Organized Crime Branch and the Terrorism Prevention Branch are also developing a comprehensive literature review as well as a teaching module for lecturers around the world who wish to teach on this topic.
Visit their dedicated website to know more: https://www.unodc.org/dohadeclaration/en/topics/education-for-justice.html

2018 marks an important milestone in SHERLOC’s development, as terrorism was added as the 15th crimetype in all databases. This inclusion will also allow users to look for the linkages between organized crime and terrorism.

Similarly, also the Directory of Competent National Authorities (whose access is restricted to governmental bodies) now also includes competent authorities designated by States for international cooperation in terrorist cases.
SHERLOC aims at facilitating the dissemination of information regarding the implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto, as well as regarding the development of emerging crime types.

**Electronic Evidence**

To meet his aim, the SHERLOC team is constantly working on improving the portal and expanding its scope, for example through the expansion of the keywords used for cross-cutting issues. Please see the resources hosted under the new cross-cutting issue on electronic evidence.

Resources related to electronic evidence can also be easily accessible via the shortcut on the SHERLOC homepage - http://bit.ly/2IWu75Y:

This section will collect:
- legislation on the use and admissibility of electronic evidence,
- jurisprudence where the collection and use of electronic evidence was a challenge or successful,
- relevant bibliography on the topic.
Dear SHERLOC Friends,
The SHERLOC team is now online on Twitter.

Follow us to stay up-to-date about news related to domestic implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and new upcoming activities.

Thank you!
the SHERLOC team

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In June this year, a group of seventeen students from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice participated in a summer school in Vienna at UNODC’s Headquarters. In this context, the students contributed to the on-going development and expansion of SHERLOC’s Case Law Database by analysing new cases covering a wide range of legal issues and different crime types, including wildlife, cybercrime and drug trafficking as well as good examples of international cooperation.

The SHERLOC team is grateful to their Professor Yuliya Zabyellina for this great opportunity and to each of them for their valuable contribution.

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**JOIN US !**

SHERLOC is always looking for contributors who support us in collecting and summarizing legislation, case law, strategies and bibliographic data.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- International Academic Conference on Organized Crime and Gender, UNODC and Migration Policy Centre, Florence (Italy), 11-13 July.