

*Materials of Conferences***REFORM OF THE LAW-ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM IN KAZAKHSTAN**

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Currently active in Kazakhstan, carried out legal reforms. According to the President of Kazakhstan N. Nazarbayev, «within the framework of reform of the law-enforcement system 16 laws were adopted. Legal mechanisms for protection of property were introduced; humanization of criminal legislation on crimes, which do not pose a grave threat to society, was carried out; the scope of non-confinement punishments, as well as preventive measures alternative to arrest, was expanded. Due to this, only this year about two thousand people convicted for crimes of small and medium gravity would be released from prison. The staff of the law enforcement system was reduced per 15 percent. Their structure was optimized. The functions unusual for law-enforcement agencies were transferred to the private sector. Significant changes are taking place in the judicial system.

An uncompromising fight against corruption is under way. Currently, according to international experts, the anticorruption legislation in Kazakhstan is recognized as one of the most effective. In total, for the last two years more than 40 officials at the national level, more than 250 officials at regional and city levels, including 39 Akims and their depu-

ties, were charged with criminal offence. Criminal cases were filed against a minister of environment protection and a minister of healthcare, a chairman of the statistics agency, vice ministers of the ministry for emergency situations and the ministry of defence, the chairmen of the «Kazakhstan Temir Zholy», «KazMunayGaz» and «Kazatomprom» companies, resulting in convictions. In three years, our country's rating in the global anticorruption index has improved by 45 points. According to this index, we are at the top positions throughout the CIS. This work will continue without compromise. In the World Bank report, in 2010 Kazakhstan was recognized as the leader of reforms in the interests of businesses. In the global ranking of countries with the most favourable business climate, Kazakhstan takes the 59th place among 183 countries of the world. In general, the facts of unreasonable interference of state bodies in the activity of economic entities were minimized. Last year, the Customs Union of Kazakhstan, Russia and Belarus was launched. According to the results of the 10 months of 2010, the volume of trade with Russia and Belarus increased by 38 percent. It is a stimulus for our businesses to produce competitive goods and services».

Readings: 1. Address of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, to the People of Kazakhstan, January 28, 2011.

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