Organized Crime Groups: Profiles and Examples Worldwide

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Organized criminal group

- Definition of organized criminal group
- Profiles of OCGs
- OCGs around the world
Definition

• United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime:

• *a structured group of three or more persons, existing for a period of time and acting in concert with the aim of committing one or more serious crimes or offences established in accordance with the Convention, in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit*
UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

• Entered into force on 29 September 2003

• Protocols:

  1) Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children

  2) Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air

  3) Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition
Concepts

- Group
- Cluster
- Market
Profile

- Structure
- Size
- Activities
- Transborder operation
- Identity
- Violence
- Corruption
- Political influence
- Penetration into the legitimate economy
- Co-operation with other OCGs
Structure

- Rigid hierarchy
- Devolved hierarchy
- Hierarchical conglomerates
- Core groups
- OC networks
Rigid hierarchy

- UNODC Pilot Survey of Forty Selected Organized Criminal Groups in Sixteen Countries
Devolved hierarchy

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Hierarchical conglomerate

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Core group

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Organized criminal network

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RIGID HIERARCHY
DEVOLVED HIERARCHY
HIERARCHICAL CONGLOMERATE
CORE CRIMINAL GROUP
ORGANISED CRIMINAL NETWORK
Activities

- One Primary Activity
- Two or Three Major Activities
- Multiple Activities
Transborder operations

- Limited (1-2 countries)
- Medium (3-4 countries)
- Extensive (5 or more)
Identity

- NO STRONG SOCIAL OR ETHNIC IDENTITY
- SOCIAL-BASED OCG
- ETHNIC-BASED OR FAMILY BASED OCG
Violence

- Essential to the Criminal Activities
- Occasional Use
- Little or No Use
Penetration into the legitimate economy

NONE OR LIMITED

SOME INVESTMENT OF PROFITS OF CRIME IN LEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES

EXTENSIVE CROSS-OVER BETWEEN LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES
Co-operation with other OCGs

- NONE
- IN THE BASE-COUNTRY
- ABROAD
- BOTH IN THE BASE-COUNTY AND ABROAD
- UNKNOWN
OCGs around the world

- Italian Mafia
- Russian criminal enterprises
- African criminal enterprises
- Asian criminal enterprises
- Middle eastern criminal enterprises
- Western Balkan criminal enterprises
Thank you for your attention!