

EDICT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

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ON SOME MEASURES OF IMPROVEMENT OF THE SYSTEM OF AGENCIES AND INTERIOR AUTHORITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

(Extract)

For the purposes of improving the system of agencies and sub-divisions of the Republic of Belarus and in accordance with part five of Article 84 of the Constitution of the Republic of Belarus herewith I rule:

1. to abolish:

the Committee of Inquiry of the Ministry of Interiors of the Republic of Belarus and subordinate territorial and transport agencies of preliminary investigation;

The Committee on Combating Corruption and Organized Crimes of the Ministry of Interiors of the Republic of Belarus and subordinate territorial and transport agencies on combating corruption and organized crimes

2. to delegate the functions of the abolished agencies:

the functions of the Committee of Inquiry of the Ministry of Interiors of the Republic of Belarus and subordinate territorial and transport agencies of preliminary investigation to the Ministry of Interiors, to Chief Department of Interiors of Minsk City Executive Committee, to Departments of Interiors of Region Executive Committees, Department of Interior in transport sphere, departments, units and divisions of interiors in cities, districts, районах в городах and transport agencies;

The functions of the Committee on Combating Corruption and Organized Crimes of the Ministry of Interiors of the Republic of Belarus and subordinate territorial and transport agencies on combating corruption and organized crimes to the Ministry of Interiors, to the Chief Department of Interiors of Minsk City Executive Committee, to Departments of Interiors of Regional Executive Committees, and transport departments respectively.

3. to reorganise:

Association "Guard" under the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Belarus into Guard Department of the Ministry of Interiors of the Republic of Belarus in legal person capacity;

Committee of Sentence Execution of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Belarus into Department of Sentence Execution of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Belarus in legal person capacity.

4. To organise:

on the base of Department on Migration of the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection and interior authorities of the Ministry of Interiors responsible for passport-visa and migration issues, Department on citizenship and migration of Ministry of Interiors of the Republic Belarus in legal person capacity;

on the base of interior agencies of the Ministry of Interior responsible for rear and financial support, Department of finances and rear of the Ministry of Interiors of the Republic of Belarus in legal person capacity.

5. to declare that:

departments, set up in accordance with the present Decree, are subordinate to the Ministry of Interiors; the quantity of such departments as well as one of the Chief Department of the Chief Commander of internal forces of the Ministry of Interiors, the quantity of sub-divisions of the Ministry of Interior responsible for preliminary investigation, оперативно-розыскной деятельности, for combating corruption and organized crimes is not included in the quantity of main staff department of the Ministry of Interiors.

6. For internal use

7. Sub paragraph 1.1 of paragraph 1 of Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus from December 28, 2001 № 780 “On number of Deputy Ministers of Interiors, Deputy Ministers of Deference, Vice Chairmen of the Committee on State Security and Vice Chairmen of State Committee of border troops of the Republic of Belarus” (National register of legislative acts of the Republic of Belarus 2002, №4 1/3355)

“1.1 There are five Deputy Ministers in the Ministry of Interiors, including

First Deputy Minister of Interiors – Head of Criminal Police Department

Deputy Minister of Interiors – Head of Public Safety Department and Special Police Forces

Deputy Minister of Interiors – the Chief Commander of Internal Forces

Deputy Minister of Interiors – Head of Department of Preliminary Investigation

Deputy Minister of Interiors – Head of Human Resources (možno napisat Personnel) Department (Secretary of State);”.

8. Clauses 11, 12 and 17 of subparagraph 3.4 of paragraph 3 of Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus from September 24, 2001 №516 “On improvement of state agencies system and other state bodies subordinate to the Government of the Republic of Belarus” (National register of legislative acts of the Republic of Belarus 2001, № 92 1/3078) shall be nullified.

9. The Ministry of Interiors within 2 months shall:

approve the structure and number of departments, set up in accordance with present decree, within the staff number limits of employees (or officials) of agencies and subdivisions of interiors, defined by the President of the Republic of Belarus, as well as the relevant expenses;

prepare and submit in an established order for the approval of the President of the Republic of Belarus a proposal on departments in question.

10. The Ministry of labour and social protection shall transfer in accordance with the established procedure the premises, transport means and other property of the Department on Migration of the Ministry of labour and social protection to the Ministry of Interiors

11. The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus shall:

within three months bring legislative acts in conformity with the present Decree

ensure the proper financing of the agencies of interiors taking into account the provisions of present Decree

adopt other measures necessary to carry out the present Decree.

12. This Edict shall come into force from the day of signature.

President of the Republic of Belarus A. Lukashenko