Information on the status and implementation by the Republic of Belarus of existing international treaties on the subject of international terrorism, including information on cases caused by international terrorism and their prosecution

The Republic of Belarus is a party to the main universal treaties on cooperation in combating international terrorism.

At the regional level, cooperation in countering international terrorism is carried out within the framework of the Commonwealth of Independent States (hereinafter - CIS), the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) and bilateral international treaties. Collective Security Treaty Organization, as well as bilateral international treaties.

As part of the implementation of the Head of State's instruction to organize work on joining the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Republic of Belarus has acceded to international treaties, including those on countering terrorism.

The Republic of Belarus is also a member of the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism.

In 2023, in the course of cooperation with the Anti-Terrorist Center of the CIS member states, measures were taken to detain in Belarus and extradite to the country of citizenship a citizen of the Republic of Tajikistan, who was on the interstate wanted list for committing extremist crimes.

In the period from 2020 to 2024, the investigative bodies of the Republic of Belarus were dealing with criminal cases of a terrorist nature that were of an international character.

Thus, during the investigation it was established that the accused persons planned: violent seizure of state power in the Republic of Belarus, involving the murder of the President of the Republic of Belarus and members of his family, law enforcement and judicial officials, illegal imprisonment of top officials, seizure of administrative buildings of state bodies, destruction of property in a generally dangerous way (explosion, arson), arson of economic infrastructure, committing an act of terrorism against a public figure.

It should be noted that in these criminal cases the investigative authorities of the Republic of Belarus, in accordance with the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, adopted by United Nations General Assembly resolution No. 52/164 of 15 December 1997, and the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, adopted by United Nations General Assembly

resolution No. 54/109 of 9 December 1999. No. 54/109, requests for legal assistance were sent to the United States of America, the Republic of Poland and the United States of America. to the United States of America, the Republic of Poland, the Federal Republic of Germany, Ukraine and the Republic of Lithuania, which were ignored by the justice institutions of those States.

Pursuant to paragraph 2 (f) of United Nations Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), all States should afford one another full cooperation in connection with criminal investigations or prosecutions that relate to the financing or support of terrorist acts, including assistance in obtaining evidence in their possession necessary for such prosecutions. to the financing or support of terrorist acts, including assistance in obtaining evidence in their possession necessary for such prosecutions.

The international treaties contain specific provisions calling upon States to cooperate as fully as possible in the prevention, investigation and prosecution of terrorism-related offenses in the prevention, investigation and prosecution of terrorism-related offences. However, a number of States do not provide assistance in the investigation of international terrorism offenses.