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# Seminar on cross-cutting legal issues regarding cybercrime, child pornography and the sexual exploitation and abuse of children

Date: 30 September - 1 October 2009

Location: Kyiv (Ukraine) – Hotel "TOURIST" 2 R. Okipnoi St., Kyiv 02002, Ukraine

**Organised by** the Council of Europe within the framework of the joint project with the European Union on strengthening and protecting women's and children's rights in Ukraine (TRES Project).

**Description:** The seminar will discuss the challenges for law enforcement in investigating offences involving sexual exploitation of children on the Internet, including gathering electronic evidence. During the seminar concrete methods and measures to prevent and fight sexual exploitation of children and laundering proceeds from child pornography will be drafted.

The seminar should help to advance the process of revising and reforming the legal framework, the policy and the practices available for dealing with sexual exploitation and abuse of children, in line with the standards of the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. The preliminary plan of action, related to the needs of ratification of this convention, will be elaborated.

Representatives of the local militia, employed in units for combating trafficking in human beings, representatives from the Ministry of Ukraine for Family, Youth and Sport, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Interior, the General Prosecutor Office, Verkhovna Rada and relevant NGOs will attend the seminar.

A press conference will take place on Thursday 1 October 2009 from 11.00 to 12.00 in the premises of the Ukrainian National Information Agency UKRINFORM, (8/16 Bogdan Khmelnytsky st., Kyiv)

More information: www.coe.int/tres

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