

Government of the Kyrgyz Republic
30 April 1999
Decision No. 243 Concerning the State Centre for Forensic Studies
attached to the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic

The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic decrees:

1. That the National Scientific Laboratory for Forensic Analysis be transformed into the State Centre for Forensic Studies attached to the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic;
2. That the enclosed Statute of the State Centre for Forensic Studies attached to the Ministry of Justice be approved;
3. That funding be provided this year for the State Centre for Forensic Studies equivalent to that allocated previously to the National Scientific Laboratory for Forensic Analysis;
4. That the Ministry of Finance, in preparing the national budget for 2000 and subsequent years, provide funding for the State Centre for Forensic Studies through the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic;
5. That this decision be published in the media.

Prime Minister

A. Muralyev

Statute of the State Centre for Forensic Studies attached to the
Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic

I. General provisions

1. The State Centre for Forensic Studies attached to the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic (hereinafter referred to as the State Centre) is a government institution specializing in forensic studies and is directly subordinate to the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic. It shall carry out forensic studies and scientific research on the basis of its specialist knowledge relating to the work of the courts and law enforcement agencies.
2. It shall work in accordance with the laws of the Kyrgyz Republic, orders and instructions issued by the Minister of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic, this Statute and other legal and normative acts.
3. It is a juridical person. Its seal shall bear the coat of arms of the Kyrgyz Republic and its name in Kyrgyz and Russian.
4. Its headquarters shall be at Bokonbayeva Street 97 in Bishkek.

II. Tasks and functions

5. The basic tasks of the State Centre are as follows:

- Forensic, technical and economic studies relating to court investigations and the consideration of criminal and civil cases;
- Elaboration of basic procedures for carrying out scientific investigations with a view to developing and improving forensic study methods on the basis of modern science and technology;
- Assistance to law enforcement agencies in applying specialist knowledge and technology, and coordination of such work;
- Elaboration of management training methods in the forensic studies sphere and organization of basic and advanced courses for specialists in the Kyrgyz Republic;
- Establishment of basic theoretical and practical guidelines for forensic studies in the Kyrgyz Republic.

6. Pursuant to the tasks assigned to it, the State Centre shall have the following functions:

- Delivery of forensic opinions, study and practical application of scientific recommendations, state-of-the-art knowledge and new methods and procedures;
- Collation of experience with practical forensic and investigative expertise, study of achievements in forensic analysis and, on that basis, elaboration and implementation of measures for improving the organization of forensic research;
- Submission to the competent bodies of suggestions on ways of eliminating the causes of and conditions for law-breaking based on the results of practical experience and analyses of specific cases;
- Scientific research relating to forensic studies;
- Approval and practical implementation of new methods and types of expert investigation developed by the State Centre or other specialized establishments;
- Preparation of collections of scientific papers, provision of methodological assistance and reference and information material;
- Provision of information to law enforcement agents on the latest achievements in forensic studies, on the potential offered by the country's forensic study establishments and on procedures for preparing materials and initiating expert studies, including recommendations on detection, securing, confiscation, packing and transportation of material evidence and, in specific instances, practical assistance in the detection, securing, confiscation and packing of such evidence;
- Organization of practical training in specialized establishments in other countries with a view to improving the professional qualifications of

management staff, provision of different types of training at the State Centre itself, review of expert reports;

- Conduct of scientific investigations and formulation of conclusions based on specialist knowledge in individual instances under conditions agreed with civil or juridical persons;
- Enlistment on a negotiated basis of scientific and operative members of institutions attached to other ministries and departments to perform specific scientific investigations;
- Performance of other functions as required.

III. Organization of the work of the State Centre

7. The structure and staff of the State Centre shall be subject to confirmation by the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic.

8. The Centres activities shall be managed by a director appointed by the Minister of Justice.

9. The director of the Centre shall have one deputy appointed by the Minister of Justice upon his recommendation.

10. The director of the Centre shall:

- Plan the Centres work and ensure that it is carried out, taking personal responsibility for completion of all tasks entrusted to it;
- Distribute the materials received by the Centre for analysis as required;
- Give the Centres staff incentives and impose disciplinary measures as provided under labour law;
- Issue orders and instructions within his sphere of competence and give directives that are binding for all subordinate services;
- Ensure that the necessary conditions for the staffs work are established and that the Centre is properly equipped, and monitor observance of the safety rules for the operation of equipment;
- Maintain contacts with the specialized institutions attached to the ministries of justice of CIS and other countries and with relevant departments with a view to coordinating forensic study work;
- Submit drafts of legal and normative acts covering expert issues and the basic aspects of the Centres work for approval by the Minister of Justice;
- Exercise such other powers as are required to manage the Centres activities.

11. If the director of the Centre is absent, his deputy shall assume his responsibilities.

12. The director of the Centre and his deputy may participate directly in scientific investigations and may themselves act as experts provided they have the appropriate qualifications.

13. A scientific methods committee consisting of employees of the Centre and representatives of scientific organizations and law enforcement authorities shall be formed at the State Centre to discuss plans for scientific investigations, the results of such investigations and recommended methods and procedures.

The membership and statute of the committee shall be subject to confirmation by the Minister of Justice.

14. The qualifications required of experts shall be subject to approval by the Minister of Justice.

15. The list of services performed in response to applications by civil or juridical persons shall be subject to approval by the Ministry of Justice.

16. The results of the Centres activities shall be discussed periodically in the board of the Ministry of Justice.

Property of the State Centre

17. The property allocated to the State Centre shall be owned by the State.

18. The property shall be allocated to the Centre for routine management and shall be used for the designated purpose.