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Dear participants of the conference!

I am glad to greet you on behalf of the staff of the National Police of the Kharkiv Garrison and personally with the beginning of the IV International Conference. The event has become traditional, which emphasizes the importance and the urgency of the problems that we are to discuss today.

The role of the units of the National Police and Higher Educational Institutions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in providing public security and order during the election process held this year in our state has demonstrated to us the effectiveness of coordinated, collaborative work, starting with the development of methodological recommendations on the actions of police officers at the election polling stations and ending with joint tactical exercises on the practical skills, actions of the police officer in situations that may arise during the election process. This is proved by a high estimation provided by the community and international observers.

Attention should be paid to changing the emphasis in the learning process. Previously, we paid more attention to developing skills in typical situations. The aggravation of the criminal situation requires more time to prepare the police for action in extreme and extraordinary situations. The importance of physical and tactical training is growing, but psychological training should not be left behind. Stability, willingness to take decisive actions must be combined with the ability to analyze the situation, make the right conclusions, with the skills of the communicator, capable to negotiate in the fierce atmosphere of mass protests.

In particular, the duration of the primary training of police officers has been substantially increased, giving the opportunity to master the necessary skills thoroughly, to become reliable defenders of people and to take care of their own security effectively. At the current stage of police training reform, system 2 plus 1 has been introduced, which will further enhance the training of future law enforcement officers through the acquisition of practical experience by patrol police inspectors, as a part of the patrol police response team, and others. Also, in our opinion, the training of the teaching staff of higher educational institutions in the units of the National Police was very positively affected. As a result, the innovative learning methods that have an enhanced practical component have been introduced into the learning process.

Among many measures aimed at improving the training of law enforcement officers is, for example, the introduction of a shooting practice from a moving car. We are working on the realization of this task.

Police primary training programs are developed and used. Although specialists from different departments of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, including those from Kharkiv National University of Internal Affairs, worked well on them, we do not consider them to be in need of improvement. Life is always ahead of plans, it sets new demands. It is possible that adjustments to these programs will follow the work of today's conference.

Nowadays the threat of terrorist acts has been growing all over the world. Undoubtedly, should police have the skills of counteracting terrorism within the limits of their competence. In short, both primary training and advanced training and the training of specialists should be as close

as possible to the needs of the practice. Therefore, the urgent task is to strengthen the practical component of the educational process.

In order to improve the educational process, it is necessary to use a wider application of questionnaires of such participants as cadets and students. If the quality of teaching of specific disciplines can be assessed with a fairly high degree of reliability based on the results of the tests, then the questionnaire will provide us valuable material for the improvement of the curricula, methodological materials, etc. Particularly important materials in this regard can give the results of questionnaires of those who returned from practice (internship). Contacts with graduates who, having acquired their practical experience, can also provide the necessary information should not be neglected also.

I am confident that the professional and representative level, knowledge and experience of the conference participants will make it possible to work out the proposals and recommendations that will enhance the effectiveness of the National Police activities, taking into account the challenges facing our state today.