

# **Money Laundering**

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## **Introduction**

The process of "Money Laundering" is a transnational organized crime which has been drastically spread worldwide in the last two decades and all countries have to get ready for the campaign against it.

In 1988, the UN Convention against Illicit traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances was adopted according to which the states parties are under an obligation to criminalize money laundering in their domestic legal systems and to set penalties for those who commit this crime in accordance with international norms and in coordination with their domestic legislations.

With the approval of the Legislature, the Islamic Republic of Iran ratified the Convention in 1991 and therefore its provisions are considered as our domestic legislation.

The Palermo Convention which was also signed by the representative of the Gov. of I. R. of Iran in 2000, emphasis has been put on the need for preventing money laundering and punishing those who launder dirty money.

At present, more than 140 countries have adopted anti-money laundering laws and there are a number of countries, including our country, that has not yet identified money laundering as an independent crime.

Recently, the need for criminalizing money laundering has been emphasized by relevant authorities and a draft bill was submitted by the Cabinet to the Parliament. Therefore it was necessary that different aspects of this transnational organized crime be studied carefully by experts.

Therefore, the LAS Committee (of the joint project currently being implemented by UNODC and DCHQ) decided that an international seminar on money laundering be held with the cooperation of Ministry of Finance and Shiraz University so that experts could submit academic lectures and articles on this delicate topic in order to facilitate adoption of a comprehensive law coping with requirements of modern technology and the needs of today's world.

The seminar was held on 28-29 May 2003, and this book is the compendium of articles presented by experts on this transnational organized crime.

Since in some of the articles, reference has been made to the draft bill on money laundering currently under discussion in the Parliament, the text of this bill has also been reproduced at the end of the book.

We hope that articles presented at the seminar and in this book could be useful for the distinguished members of the Parliament who are now working on this bill, and also for others who are interested in this topic.

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