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This study aims at scrutinizing relevant laws concerning organized crime suppression of Thailand, takes a comparative study experience and laws of certain countries, and also takes a closer look to relevant international standards set under United Nations regime as well as search recommendation(s) toward the issue.

Organized crime is defined as persons grouped together for certain unlawful purpose(s) and operates continuously. When we consider the operational mean of organized crime(s) we will see that they often manipulate evidence and complicate their working process that makes it much more difficult for outsiders to understand their communication and activities. Due to economic and technological advancement, the organized crime becomes more sophisticated that make existing laws become incompetent enough in dealing with the issue.

The findings of the study is the inadequacy and not up-to-date of the provisions of various existing laws. Even though there are laws on drugs suppression, trafficking in children and women and anti-money laundering . The situation right now also needs several new laws which taking into account the holistic approach of the whole picture of organized crime.

In order to tackle effectively and efficiently it must take in to account the unique nature of organized crime , its existence , relationship between the leader and members of the group , and fruitful gains from unlawful activities. Therefore the recommendations toward effective law enforcement are , the State should adopt new law enabling the establishment of both substantive and procedural legislations on forfeiture of both civil and criminal aspects, provision on wiretapping (interception communication) , witness protection as well as law on conspiracy. And last but not least, in the period of globalized world, international cooperation is a very important measure and should be fostered among countries to fight transnational organized crimes.

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