

Viktor Yanukovich / Liechtenstein

Case ID:

ARW-227

Jurisdiction of Origin of Public Official or Entity Allegedly Involved:

Ukraine

Position of Public Official(s) (yrs in office):

President (2010-2014)

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery:

Liechtenstein

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery ? Description:

Undertaking Recovery Effort, Location of Recovery Effort, Asset Location / Alleged Asset Location

Asset Recovery Start:

2014

Asset Recovery End:

Ongoing

UNCAC Offenses Implicated:

Art.17

Art.19

Art.23

Legal Basis for Asset Recovery:

Case in Investigatory/Asset Restraint Stage

Intl.Cooperation: MLAT/Letter of Request?:

Unknown

Contributing Factors in Asset Recovery:

Ongoing case

Status of Asset Recovery :

Ongoing

Stage in Asset Recovery Chain:

Investigation/Asset Tracing/Asset Restraint

Agreement for Returned Assets:

Ongoing

Case Summary:

According to the June 2014 statement by Liechtenstein's Prosecutor General and Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit, the jurisdiction froze assets of "approximately 27 million Swiss francs that can be attributed to former Ukrainian politicians. The Liechtenstein Office of the Public Prosecutor has instituted criminal proceedings for money laundering in this connection. Shortly after the appointment of a new Ukrainian government in February 2014, criminal investigations were instituted in Ukraine against the former president, members of the former government, and family members of those persons on grounds of corruption. Consequently, Liechtenstein ordered on 28 February 2014 that potential assets of those persons be frozen and that any such assets be notified to the authorities.

The goal of these measures is to ensure that assets of those persons can be identified.

Reports to this effect were then submitted to the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) for evaluation. In one group of cases, there is an initial suspicion that a criminal offence was committed, so the FIU notified the Office of the Public Prosecutor. The Office of the Public Prosecutor has applied to the investigating judge to carry out preliminary investigations against four suspects on suspicion of the crime of money laundering as referred to in § 165 paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of the Liechtenstein Criminal Code (StGB)." (Source: "Ukraine: Liechtenstein freezes CHF 27 million and institutes criminal proceedings for money laundering," at http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/liechtenstein_-_ukraine_....)

Disposition of Criminal Case(s):

According to the INTERPOL wanted list, Mr. Yanukovych is "Wanted by the Judicial Authorities of Ukraine for Prosecution / to serve a sentence" with the following charges listed: "Misappropriation, embezzlement or conversion of property by malversation, if committed in respect of an especially gross amount, or by an organized group." (Source: INTERPOL, "Viktor Yanukovych," at <http://www.interpol.int/notice/search/wanted/2014-13031> (last accessed January 21, 2015)).

Jurisdiction of Origin: Investigative Agency:

Prosecutor General's Office

Jurisdiction of Origin: Prosecuting Authority/Civil Attorney(s):

Prosecutor-General's Office



Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Investigative Agency:

Financial Intelligence Unit

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Prosecuting Authority/Civil Attorney(s):

Prosecutor General's Office

Documents:

Attachment	Size
 Yanukovych_Interpol_Wanted_List_Jan_21_2015.pdf	310.26 KB
 Yanukovich_Liechtenstein_Asset_Freeze_PR_June_2014.pdf	210.66 KB

Other Sources:

"Ukraine: Liechtenstein freezes CHF 27 million and institutes criminal proceedings for money laundering," at http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/liechtenstein_-_ukraine_....
INTERPOL, "Viktor Yanukovych," at <http://www.interpol.int/notice/search/wanted/2014-13031> (last accessed January 21, 2015).