ECOTERRORISM BETWEEN ECO-ACTIVISM AND CRIME

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ABSTRACT: We are witnessing a phenomenon of multiplication and diversification of militant, demanding environmental actions, which, through the use of various forms of violence, fall formally into the criminal zone and generically into the sphere of terrorist-type manifestations.

Those who participate or organize them mainly belong to the new generations who, under the impetus of eco-anxiety, rebel, accusing the destruction of ecosystems, unfair access to goods belonging to the natural heritage of humanity, the increase and worsening of environmental crime and the official indifference to these realities.

The challenge received by the legal systems concerns the legal treatment applied to this conduct, respectively the adaptation of the positive law to the specific objective and subjective nature of this type of actions. The concrete reference to these criteria and to determined actions, especially under the aspect of violent character, generates, however, different solutions in the sphere of criminal law, which must reflect the evolution of society.

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