

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE
ORGANIZATION (ICPO-INTERPOL)**



AND

**THE REGIONAL COOPERATION
AGREEMENT ON COMBATING PIRACY
AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA —
INFORMATION SHARING CENTRE (ReCAAP-ISC)**



Preamble

The International Criminal Police Organization-INTERPOL (hereinafter referred to as INTERPOL) represented by its Secretary General

And

The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia – Information Sharing Centre (hereinafter referred to as ReCAAP-ISC) represented by its Executive Director

Hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Wishing to coordinate their efforts within the framework of the missions assigned to them;

Recognizing that INTERPOL is an independent intergovernmental organization responsible for ensuring the promotion of the widest possible mutual assistance between all criminal police authorities within the limits of the laws existing in the different countries and in the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and for the establishment and development of all institutions likely to contribute effectively to the prevention and suppression of ordinary law crimes in accordance with its Statute;

Having in mind that under its Constitution it is strictly forbidden for INTERPOL to undertake any intervention or activities of a political, military, religious or racial character;

Recognizing that ReCAAP-ISC is the first government-to-government agreement that aims to address the incidence of piracy and armed robbery in Asia by enhancing multilateral cooperation among regional countries through exchanging information; facilitating operational cooperation; analyzing the patterns and trends of piracy and armed robbery against ships and supporting the capacity building efforts of Contracting Parties;

Considering that INTERPOL is pursuing the goal of developing enhanced cooperation with other international and regional organizations;

Recognizing accordingly the desirability of INTERPOL and ReCAAP-ISC cooperating in the fight against piracy and armed robbery against ships;

Have agreed on the following:

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Article 1
Purpose

The purpose of the present Agreement is to establish a framework for cooperation between the Parties, within their respective competencies and subject to their respective rules and regulations.

Article 2
Framework of the cooperation

The cooperation and interaction between the Parties shall include the exchange of information and other materials pertaining to the following subject matter:

- Maritime Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships.

Article 3
Exchange of information

1. INTERPOL and ReCAAP-ISC agree to combine their efforts within their respective mandate and regulations to achieve the best use of all available information for the purpose of the prevention and suppression of Maritime Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships.
2. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of the security, confidentiality and processing conditions of information exchanged between INTERPOL and ReCAAP-ISC in the context of this Agreement, INTERPOL and ReCAAP-ISC agree to the complete and prompt exchange of information and documents concerning matters of common interest, within the framework of activities and objectives of each Party.
3. INTERPOL and ReCAAP-ISC shall exchange and use information exclusively for the purposes of the present Agreement, with due respect for national laws and international law, and each Party's rules and regulations, in particular INTERPOL's Rules on the Processing of Data.
4. Information communicated by INTERPOL to ReCAAP-ISC may be used by ReCAAP-ISC, provided such use contributes to ensuring and promoting the widest possible mutual assistance between all criminal police authorities within the limits of the laws existing in the different countries and in the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to establish and develop all institutions likely to contribute effectively to the prevention and suppression of ordinary law crimes.

5. If an item of information communicated by INTERPOL to ReCAAP-ISC is modified or deleted, INTERPOL shall inform ReCAAP-ISC so that the latter may keep its own archives up to date. INTERPOL shall not be liable in the event that the use by ReCAAP-ISC of an item of information is prejudicial to an individual's or entity's interests, if INTERPOL has informed ReCAAP-ISC that item of information has been modified or deleted.
6. When providing information, each Party shall use their best effort to ensure that it is accurate, relevant and up to date. Prior to the use of any information provided by one Party, the other Party must check with the providing Party that the information is still accurate and relevant.

Article 4

Reciprocal representation

1. Arrangements shall be made for reciprocal representation of INTERPOL and ReCAAP-ISC to meetings convened under their respective auspices and which consider matters in which the other Party has an interest or technical competence in, in accordance with the procedures applicable to each meeting or conference.
2. The Secretary General of INTERPOL and the Executive Director of ReCAAP-ISC shall each designate a person to act as a focal point with a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the present Cooperation Agreement.

Article 5

Consultation

When necessary, the Parties shall conduct consultations for the purposes of coordination and better efficiency of cooperation and interaction provided for in the present Agreement. The Parties may also propose other cooperative fields and modalities based on the experience gained in the course of implementation of the provisions set forth in the present Agreement.

Article 6

Implementation

INTERPOL and ReCAAP-ISC may, for the purposes of implementing this Agreement, enter into arrangements or conclude further agreements as may be found appropriate. Nothing in this Agreement shall bind any of the Member States of the ReCAAP-ISC jointly or severally. Similarly, the Agreement shall not bind any of the Member States of INTERPOL jointly or severally.

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Article 7

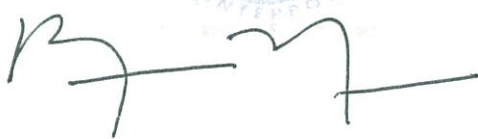
Entry into force, modification and duration

1. The present Cooperation Agreement shall enter into force 60 days after its signature by the Executive Director of ReCAAP-ISC and the Secretary General of INTERPOL.
2. The present Cooperation Agreement may be modified by mutual consent expressed in writing. It may also be revoked by either Party by giving six months' notice to the other Party.

In witness whereof, the Secretary General of the International Criminal Police Organization- INTERPOL, duly authorized by the General Assembly, and the Executive Director of ReCAAP-ISC have signed the present Cooperation Agreement in two original copies, in English on the dates appearing under their respective signatures.

For the International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO-INTERPOL)

For the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia – Information Sharing Centre



Ronald K. Noble
Secretary General

on 8-11-2012 (date)

in Rome (place)



Yoshihisa Endo
Executive Director

on 8/11/2012 (date)

in Rome (place)