

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE REGIONAL CENTRE ON SMALL ARMS IN THE
GREAT LAKES REGION, THE HORN OF AFRICA
AND BORDERING STATES**

AND

**THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE
ORGANIZATION-INTERPOL**

The Regional Centre on Small Arms in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States (hereinafter referred to as RECSA).

and

The International Criminal Police Organization-INTERPOL (hereinafter referred to as ICPO-INTERPOL)

Wishing to co-ordinate their efforts within the framework of the missions assigned to them,

Recognizing that ICPO-INTERPOL is responsible for ensuring and promoting the widest possible mutual assistance between all the 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.

Recognizing that the Nairobi Protocol for the Prevention, Control and Reduction of Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States adopted on April 21, 2004 in Nairobi recognizes the need to promote cooperation at the sub-regional level as well as in international fora to effectively combat the small arms and light weapons problem, in collaboration with relevant partners.

Further recognizing that RECSA was established under the Agreement Establishing the Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons adopted by the Member States of the Nairobi Protocol on June 21, 2005 with the mandate to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of the said Protocol. In pursuant of which RECSA is permitted to enter into agreements with other regional, inter-governmental and civil society organizations and other non-members States.

Recognizing the desirability of co-operation between RECSA and ICPO-INTERPOL within the fields of their respective competence, in combating criminal activities in RECSA Member States, including, among other things, illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons.

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1
Mutual consultation

1. RECSA and ICPO-INTERPOL shall consult regularly on policy issues and matters of common interest for the purpose of realizing their objectives and co-ordinating their respective activities.
2. RECSA and ICPO-INTERPOL shall exchange information on developments in any of their fields and projects that are of mutual interest and shall reciprocally take observations concerning such activities into consideration with a view to promoting effective co-operation.
3. When appropriate, consultation shall be arranged at the enquired level between representatives of RECSA and ICPO-INTERPOL and to agree upon the most effective way in which to organize particular activities and to optimize the use of their resources in compliance with their respective mandates.

Article 2
Exchange of information

1. RECSA and ICPO-INTERPOL shall combine their efforts to achieve the best use of all available information relevant to the fight against illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons.
2. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential information, RECSA and ICPO-INTERPOL shall ensure full and prompt exchange of information and documents concerning matters of common interest.
3. Communication of police information by RECSA and ICPO-INTERPOL shall be subject to ICPO-INTERPOL's internal regulations. If an item of information communicated by ICPO-INTERPOL to RECSA is modified or deleted, ICPO-INTERPOL shall inform RECSA so that the latter may keep its own archives up-to-date. ICPO-INTERPOL shall not be liable in the event that the use by RECSA of an item of information is prejudicial to an individual's or entity's interests, if Interpol has informed RECSA that that item of information has been modified or deleted. Police information communicated by ICPO-INTERPOL to RECSA shall be used by RECSA exclusively for the purposes of prevention or suppression of transnational ordinary law crime, with due respect for national law and international treaties.
4. Communication of information by RECSA to ICPO-INTERPOL shall be subject to the provisions of RECSA's internal regulations.

Article 3
Reciprocal representation

1. Arrangements shall be made for reciprocal representation at RECSA and ICPO-INTERPOL meetings convened under their respective auspices and which consider matters in which the other party has an interest or technical competence.
2. RECSA and ICPO-INTERPOL shall each designate a person to act as a focal point with a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the present Memorandum of understanding.

Article 4
Technical co-operation

1. RECSA and ICPO-INTERPOL shall, in the interest of their respective activities, seek each other's expertise to optimize the effects of such activities.
2. RECSA shall review, at ICPO-INTERPOL's request, projects at national, regional and global levels in order to provide comments and suggestions appropriate to its domain of expertise.
3. By mutual agreement, RECSA shall associate itself in the development and execution of programmes, projects and activities relating particularly to crimes and offences concerning illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons.
4. Joint activities to be conducted under the present Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to the approval of individual project documents by both parties and shall be monitored under an agreed mechanism.
5. RECSA and ICPO-INTERPOL shall co-operate in evaluating such programmes, projects and activities of common interest, subject to mutual agreement on a case-by-case basis.

Article 5
Personnel arrangements

Subject to their relevant internal regulations, RECSA and ICPO-INTERPOL shall examine the possibility of organizing the exchange of personnel on a temporary basis. They will enter to special arrangements, if necessary, for that purpose.

Article 6
Modification, duration and entry into force

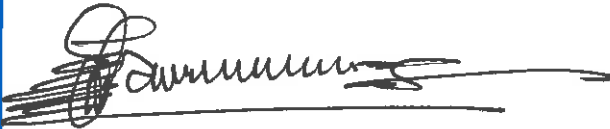
The present Memorandum of Understanding may be modified by mutual consent expressed in writing. It may also be revoked by either party by giving six months' notice to the other party.

The present Memorandum of Understanding enters into force no later than 60 days after it has been signed by the Executive Secretary of RECSA and the Secretary General of the ICPO-INTERPOL, subject to prior approval by the INTERPOL General Assembly.

In witness whereof, the Executive Secretary of RECSA and the Secretary General of the ICPO-INTERPOL have signed the present Agreement in two original copies, in English, on the dates appearing under their respective signatures.

**For the Regional Centre on Small Arms
in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of
Africa and Bordering States**

**For the International Criminal Police
Organization-INTERPOL**



Francis K. SANG
Executive Secretary



Ronald K. Noble
Secretary General

on 10th Nov. 2010 (date)

on 10th NOVEMBER 2010 (date)

in DOHA (place)

in Doha (place)