

## **CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CIVIL SOCIETY TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROCESSING OF DATA FOR THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONTROL OF INTERPOL'S FILES STATUTE REVIEW**

(Lyon, France, September 22, 2025)

**Deadline for Applications: October 19, 2025**

The Commission for the Control of INTERPOL's Files (CCF) is an independent body that ensures that all personal data processed through INTERPOL'S channels conforms to the rules of the Organization.

The Committee on the Processing of Data (CPD) is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations on INTERPOL's processing of data to promote international police cooperation and prevent and suppress ordinary law crimes, in accordance with Article 2 of the Organization's Constitution. It is a standing committee of INTERPOL's General Assembly and meets at least once a year.

The CPD has recently launched a process to review [the Statute of the CCF](#) that defines its work. To that end, the CPD is seeking contributions from civil society concerning selected topics related to the work of the CCF and the CCF Statute.

In the context of this review, the CPD requested that the General Secretariat solicit contributions from civil society on the first two topics and present the outcomes. The General Secretariat launched a call for contributions via a dedicated webpage on 19 March 2025. The input provided by civil society was taken into consideration and, where appropriate, reflected in the proposals for amendments that were presented to and discussed by the CPD.

In preparation for its next meeting in December 2025, the CPD intends to engage civil society once again on all topics related to the review of the CCF Statute that will be addressed.

### **Topics for consideration**

This second call for contributions is addressed to interested representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, academia and the legal sector from INTERPOL's member countries, with existing working relations with the CCF or recognized expertise on CCF related matters.

They are invited to submit their input on one or all the following three areas currently being considered by the CPD:

#### **1. Experts (Article 22 of the CCF Statute)**

Article 22 of the CCF Statute gives the possibility for the CCF to entrust any individual or body with recognized expertise with the task of providing expert advice on specific topics or questions relevant to its work. Within this framework, the CPD will discuss a proposal to have a pool or list of experts whom the CCF could approach to provide specialized expertise on a specific technical or legal topic or question.

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The purpose of this item is to examine this proposal while maintaining the CCF's independence and existing structure as a body composed of experts. The item raises the question on the modality, guidelines, or procedure through which the CCF can effectively use the possibility envisaged under Article 22.

#### 2. Selection of candidates for CCF membership (Articles 8 and 9 of the CCF Statute)

The next elections for the members of the CCF are scheduled to take place during the 2026 General Assembly session. Articles 8 and 9 of the CCF Statute outline the eligibility criteria and the nomination and selection procedure for candidates, respectively. While at its upcoming session in December 2025, the CPD does not intend to engage in discussion on proposed amendments of these articles, the CPD is interested in gathering input from civil society on the broader themes and issues related to the CCF elections. In this context, contributors are invited to share suggestions on how to promote transparency, accountability, and effectiveness in the CCF selection process, which can be reviewed and considered by the CPD as part of its ongoing efforts to support the work of the CCF.

#### 3. The CCF Secretariat (Article 15(3) of the CCF Statute)

The functions of the Secretariat of the CCF are currently described under Article 15(3) of the CCF Statute. According to this article, the Secretariat shall assist the Commission in effectively carrying out its functions under the CCF Statute. As part of this role, the Secretariat is customarily tasked by the CCF to address communications to the parties to the case (NCBs and applicants) when examining requests. The purpose of this item is to discuss whether this task shall be incorporated in the CCF Statute.

The above topics are the ones that the CPD will be considering next, for which members of civil society are invited to present their views at this stage. Additional topics may be presented in the future.

#### How inputs will be used

Relevant contributions will be first reviewed by INTERPOL's General Secretariat and if they meet the submission criteria and are deemed relevant, they will be shared with the CPD for its consideration. INTERPOL maintains the full discretion on whether to share contributions with the CPD. INTERPOL is not obliged to accept any suggestion put forward in any contribution received.

#### Neutrality of INTERPOL

Article 3 of the [INTERPOL Constitution](#) explicitly forbids INTERPOL from engaging in matters of political, military, religious and racial character. Any contributions that contain such elements will be automatically excluded from consideration.

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#### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Contributions must not mention specific cases and countries.
- Contributions must be submitted in one of INTERPOL's working languages, namely English, French, Spanish, Arabic.
- Contributions must not contain inappropriate or offensive language.
- Contributions should not exceed 10,000 characters per topic.
- Any contribution that does not meet the required criteria will not be taken into consideration.
- In the event of a technical issue when submitting your contribution in the designated space on the form, you may attach a file containing your contribution, provided that the content remains within the specified character limit per topic.

Please complete **all relevant fields** to ensure examination of your contribution.

The form must be returned **by October 19, 2025**, to the following e-mail address: [ccfsr@interpol.int](mailto:ccfsr@interpol.int)

#### A. PARTICIPANT

##### IF the participant is a person

- FAMILY NAME \_\_\_\_\_
- FORENAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_
- NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_
- E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

- HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO THE CCF? No ☐ Yes ☐

##### IF the participant is an entity

- FULL NAME OF THE ENTITY \_\_\_\_\_
- PLACE OF INCORPORATION OR REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_
- OFFICIAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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**B. INPUTS REGARDING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS**

**1. Contribution concerning the pool of experts (Article 22 of the CCF Statute)**

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**2. Contribution concerning the selection of candidates for CCF membership (Article 8 and 9 CCF Statute)**

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**3. Contribution concerning the CCF Secretariat (Article 15(3) CCF Statute)**



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**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY NAME AND FORENAME (or name of entity)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:**

The duly completed form should be sent by October 19, 2025, by e-mail: [cs-ccfsr@interpol.int](mailto:cs-ccfsr@interpol.int)