



THE ROLES OF THE ADVISORY AND SUPERVISORY CHAMBER

A. Supervisory role

The Commission can carry out checks for the purpose of determining whether the data stored by the General Secretariat are obtained, processed and kept in accordance with INTERPOL's rules and regulations, and the purposes stated therein. It exercises this responsibility through the Supervisory and Advisory Chamber.

The Commission plays its supervisory role in three type of cases:

- When required by INTERPOL's rules (mainly by the RPD);
- In the context of individual requests: the Commission can make targeted checks and, where necessary, recommend that various actions (correction, additional information, deletion, etc.) be performed on the Organization's files;
- In the context of spot checks: the Commission generally carries out spot checks at each session. Spot checks can be random, target specific data, or a type of data processing. This constitutes an extremely effective way of checking whether personal data received by the General Secretariat and stored in its files are processed in accordance with INTERPOL's rules and the basic data-protection principles adopted by the Organization.

The purpose of spot checks is for the Commission to gain a better understanding of the Organization's system for processing police data, the problems it encounters, and the risks and requirements of international police and judicial cooperation, so as to be able to effectively carry out its role as adviser to the Organization on data-processing matters.

The Commission carries out checks on data processing procedures and on the data that are registered in INTERPOL's files.

This role is described in Article 26.1 of the Statute of the Commission for the Control of INTERPOL's Files.

B. Advisory role:

In its advisory capacity, the Supervisory and Advisory Chamber provides the Organization with advice on any of its projects, operations or sets of rules. In other words, it gives advice on any matter involving the processing of personal data.

The Commission attaches the highest importance to a relationship based on consultation and transparency with the INTERPOL General Secretariat. This enables each party to understand the requirements and the constraints of the other. It also allows the Commission to advise the Organization more effectively, playing a role that is both preventive and proactive with regard to the processing of information by INTERPOL.

This role is described in Article 26.2 of the Statute of the Commission for the Control of INTERPOL's Files.