



INTERPOL

FACT SHEET

INTERPOL: an overview

INTERPOL's mission is to enable police around the world to work together to prevent and fight international crime. We offer police a high-tech infrastructure of technical and operational support to meet the growing challenges posed by criminals and crimes that increasingly cross borders, both physically and virtually. Only through international cooperation can police hope to make the world a safer place.

► SUPPORTING POLICE WORLDWIDE

We work to ensure that police around the world have access to the tools and services necessary to do their jobs effectively. We provide targeted training, investigative support, relevant data and secure communications channels. This combined framework helps police on the ground understand crime trends, analyse information, conduct operations and, ultimately, arrest as many criminals as possible.

A Command and Coordination Centre (CCC) provides 24-hour support to member countries in INTERPOL's four official languages: Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

► GLOBAL PRESENCE

The General Secretariat is located in Lyon, France. We operate seven regional offices – in Argentina, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Kenya, Thailand and Zimbabwe – and a representative office at the United Nations in New York and at the European Union in Brussels. Each member country maintains a National Central Bureau (NCB) which forms the link between national police and the INTERPOL global network.

The INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation (IGCI) in Singapore will serve as a cutting-edge research and development facility for the identification of crimes and criminals, innovative training, operational support and partnerships.

In order to enable authorized INTERPOL personnel to travel on official business without requiring a visa, INTERPOL has developed its first ever travel documents (e-Passport Booklet and e-Identification Card). To date, more than 100 member countries have recognized the documents.

► RULES AND GOVERNANCE

INTERPOL assists international police cooperation even where diplomatic relations do not exist between particular countries; all actions are politically neutral and taken within the limits of existing laws in different countries.

Our supreme governing body is the General Assembly, which meets once a year to take all major decisions affecting general policy. Each country elects one delegate and has one vote, and all votes carry equal weight.

The Executive Committee oversees the execution of the decisions of the General Assembly and the work of the Secretary General. It has 13 members who represent all regions of the world. The Secretary General, the Organization's chief executive, is responsible for overseeing INTERPOL's day-to-day work and for implementing the decisions of the General Assembly and Executive Committee.

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► STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

To provide direction for our programmes and activities, we have defined our main priorities:

VISION	Connecting police for a safer world
MISSION	Preventing and fighting crime through enhanced cooperation and innovation on police matters
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	Secure global communication system – To enhance and expand I-24/7, our secure global police communications system that connects all 190 National Central Bureaus, along with other authorized law enforcement agencies and strategic partners, allowing them to instantly access, request and submit vital data. 24/7 support to policing and law enforcement – To improve and better integrate the wide range of round-the-clock support, operational assistance and crisis response that we provide to our member countries. Innovation, capacity building and research – To enhance the tools and services that we deliver in the area of law enforcement training and to work with other stakeholders in order to raise standards in international policing and security infrastructures. Identification of crimes and criminals – To provide the highest quality database services, investigative support and other innovative tools including a global approach for integrated border management and a robust response to cybercrime.
CORPORATE PRIORITIES	Organizational health and sustainability – To strengthen our core infrastructure, improve our human resources strategy and foster outside partnerships. Institutional framework – To strengthen the legal stability and foundation for international activities, reinforcing the Organization's neutrality and independence.



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► FINANCING

INTERPOL is primarily financed by member countries, whose governments pay annual statutory contributions to the Organization. The amount of statutory contribution expected in 2015 is EUR 54 million.