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Preamble

The International Criminal Police Organization-Interpol (hereinafter referred to as INTERPOL)
and
the Universal Postal Union (hereinafter referred to as the UPU)

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

Recognizing
that INTERPOL is responsible for providing and developing 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 UPU is the United Nations specialized agency the purpose of which is to organize and improve the postal services and to promote, in this field, the development of international co-operation,

Recognizing
the desirability of the UPU's co-operating, within the field of its competence, with INTERPOL in combating, among other things:

- (a) illicit drug trafficking
- (b) mail bombs
- (c) child pornography and paedophile networks
- (d) money laundering,

Have agreed on the following:

Article I - Mutual consultation

1. INTERPOL and the UPU 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. INTERPOL and the UPU 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-ordination.
3. When appropriate, consultations shall be arranged at the required level between representatives of the UPU and INTERPOL 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 II - Exchange of information

1. INTERPOL and the UPU shall combine their efforts to achieve the best use of all available information relevant to crime committed using the postal services.
2. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential information, INTERPOL and the UPU shall ensure full and prompt exchange of information and documents concerning matters of common interest. No nominal police data shall be communicated to the UPU without the prior consent of the NCB (National Central Bureau) from which the information originated. Further, no postal information obtained from a specific postal administration shall be communicated to INTERPOL without the prior consent of that postal administration.

Article III - Reciprocal representation

1. Appropriate arrangements may be made for reciprocal representation at INTERPOL and UPU meetings convened under their respective auspices and which consider matters in which the other party has an interest or technical competence.

2. The Director General of the International Bureau of the UPU and the Secretary General of INTERPOL shall appoint a focal point with a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the present Memorandum of Understanding.

Article IV - Technical Co-operation

1. When in the interest of their respective activities, INTERPOL and the UPU shall seek each other's expertise to optimize the effects of such activities.
2. The UPU shall endeavour, through its bodies as well as its Postal Security Action Group (PSAG), to sensitize the national postal administrations to the need to apply measures to curb crimes committed through the post.
3. The UPU shall review, at INTERPOL'S request, projects at national, regional and global levels in order to provide comments and suggestions appropriate to its domain of expertise.
4. By mutual agreement, the UPU shall associate itself in the development and execution of programmes, projects and activities relating particularly to crimes and offences committed through the post.
5. 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.
6. INTERPOL and the UPU shall co-operate in evaluating such programmes, projects and activities as have common interest, subject to mutual agreement on a case-by-case basis.

Article V - Entry into force, modification and duration

1. The present Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the Secretary General of INTERPOL and the Director General of the International Bureau of the UPU, subject to the approval of the UPU Council of Administration and the Interpol General Assembly.

2. The 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.

In witness whereof, the Secretary General of the International Criminal Police Organization-Interpol and the Director General of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union sign the present Memorandum of Understanding in duplicate, in English and French, both texts being authentic, on the dates appearing under their respective signatures.

For the ICPO-Interpol :

For the UPU (International Bureau):



R.E. Kendall, Q.P.M., M.A.
Secretary General



Thomas E. Leavey
Director General

Date:

29th April 1997

Date:

29/04/97

