



COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION (ICPO-INTERPOL) AND THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF JUSTICE OF IBERO-AMERICA COUNTRIES (COMJIB)

Preamble

The International Criminal Police Organization-INTERPOL (hereinafter referred to as INTERPOL) represented by its Secretary General,

And

The Conference of Ministers of Justice of Ibero-American Countries (hereinafter referred to as COMJIB) represented by its Secretary-General,

Hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Recognizing that, pursuant to Article 2 of its Constitution, INTERPOL aims at ensuring and promoting to ensure and promote the widest possible mutual assistance between all 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 COMJIB is an international organization composed of the Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American region that focuses on the cooperation and the promotion of public policies in the achievement of justice. On the other hand, the General Secretariat of COMJIB is also the General Secretariat of the Ibero-American Network of International Legal Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as IberRed) which is an operational network of judges, prosecutors, personal of the Ministries of Justice and central authorities of the twenty two countries that compose the Ibero-American region plus the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico which aim is to optimize international legal cooperation in criminal and civil cases,

Considering that Article 41 of INTERPOL's Constitution provides that the Organization shall establish relations and collaborate with other intergovernmental or non-governmental international organizations,



Affirming accordingly the desirability of establishing a framework for cooperation between INTERPOL and COMJIB-IberRed,

Have agreed on the following:

Article 1

PURPOSE

The purpose of the present Agreement is to establish a framework for cooperation between the Parties, within their respective competencies and subject to their respective rules and regulations.

Article 2

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

1. INTERPOL and COMJIB/IberRed agree to consult on matters of mutual interest with a view on providing each other assistance in the implementation of their respective mandates and on the optimum use of their resources and where appropriate, to coordinate activities to this end.
2. The Secretary General of INTERPOL and the Secretary General of COMJIB shall each designate a person to act as a focal point with a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the present Cooperation Agreement.

Article 3

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

1. INTERPOL and COMJIB/IberRed agree to combine their efforts within their respective mandate and regulations to achieve the best use of all available information related to issues of common interest. To that end, and subject to the necessary limitations for the safeguarding of confidential material and information, they shall arrange for the exchange of information and documents of common interest.
2. To facilitate the exchange of information, INTERPOL's General Secretariat shall be granted access to the secure communication system Iber@ of IberRed with a view to providing its expertise to the participants of this network, exchanging and consulting on



matters of common interest. The exchange of information through Iber@ will focus on assistance of a strategic and technical nature and will not include the surrender of personal data.

Article 4

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SECRETARIATS

The General Secretariat of INTERPOL and the General Secretariat of COMJIB/IberRed shall conduct consultations on a regular basis for the purposes of coordination and better efficiency of cooperation and interaction provided for in the present Agreement. They may also propose other cooperative fields and modalities based on the experience gained in the course of implementation of the provisions set forth in the present Agreement.

Article 5

IMPLEMENTATION

INTERPOL and COMJIB/IberRed may, for the purposes of implementing this Agreement, enter into arrangements or conclude further agreements as may be found appropriate.

Article 6

ENTRY INTO FORCE, MODIFICATION, AND DURATION

1. The present Cooperation Agreement shall enter into force on the date it is signed by the Secretary General of COMJIB and the Secretary General of INTERPOL.
2. The present Cooperation Agreement shall have a duration of three years. It can be renewed by the express consent of the Parties at least three months previous to its expiry, subject to the approval of the INTERPOL General Assembly.
3. The present Cooperation Agreement 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 Secretary General of COMJIB have signed the present Cooperation Agreement in four original copies, two in English and two in Spanish on the dates appearing under their respective signatures.

**For the International Criminal Police
Organization (INTERPOL)**

**For the Conference of Ministers of
Justice of Ibero-American Countries
(COMJIB)**

**Ronald K. Noble
Secretary General**

**Víctor Moreno Catena
Secretary General**

October 15th, 2012 Madrid, Spain.

This agreement has been signed in the Honorable Presence of:

Mr. Ignacio Ulloa Rubio, Secretary of Security of the Kingdom of Spain.

Mr. Juan José Martín Casallo, Deputy General Prosecutor, General Prosecution Office, of the Kingdom of Spain.

Mr. Miguel Carmona, judicial member of the Consejo General del Poder Judicial of the Kingdom of Spain and chair of its Committee on International Relations; and President of European Network of Councils for the Judiciary