



## INFORMATION NOTE ON THE ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONTROL OF INTERPOL'S FILES (CCF)

### WHAT IS THE CCF?

The Commission for the Control of INTERPOL's Files (CCF or Commission) is a statutory body of the Organization, competent to perform the functions conferred on it by Article 36 of the Constitution, namely to:

- (a) Ensure that the processing of personal data by the Organization is in compliance with INTERPOL's rules;
- (b) Provide the Organization with advice about any project, operation, set of rules or other matter involving the processing of personal data in the INTERPOL Information System;
- (c) Examine and decide on requests for access to data, and/or for the correction or deletion of data, processed in the INTERPOL Information System.

The CCF's competence, scope of work and procedures is further defined and elaborated upon by the CCF Statute. The Statute is complemented by Operating Rules adopted by the CCF itself. The Statute and the Operating Rules are available at the CCF public webpage.

### WHICH POSITIONS ARE UP FOR ELECTION IN 2026?

All seven positions on the CCF are due to be filled at the 94th Session of the INTERPOL General Assembly, to be held from 17 to 20 November 2026 in Hong Kong, China. The newly elected members will assume office on 11 March 2027.

The seven members are organized into two chambers: two members in the Supervisory and Advisory Chamber (fulfilling the supervisory and advisory functions of the CCF) and five in the Requests Chamber (handling requests from individuals), as follows:

For the Supervisory and Advisory Chamber (Article 8(3) of the CCF Statute):

- (1) A member with expertise in data protection.
- (2) A member with expertise in electronic data processing.

For the Requests Chamber (Article 8(4) of the CCF Statute):

- (3) A lawyer with data-protection expertise.
- (4) A lawyer with recognized international experience in police matters, in particular international police cooperation.
- (5) A lawyer with international criminal law expertise.
- (6) A lawyer with human rights expertise.
- (7) A lawyer who holds or has held a senior judicial or prosecutorial position, preferably with experience in international judicial cooperation.

The members are elected for a term of five years, renewable once for an additional three-year term (Article 10 of the CCF Statute). This entails that new members elected by the General Assembly in 2026 will serve for five years. If current members of the CCF stand for elections and are re-elected, they will serve for three years.

## WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR NOMINATING, SELECTING AND ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE CCF?

The procedure for elections consists of five phases:



Candidates for CCF membership are not required to be present at the General Assembly and will not make an oral presentation to the General Assembly during the elections.

The INTERPOL “Code of Conduct for INTERPOL Election Campaign Activities and Appointments” is applicable to the election of the members of the CCF. In particular, member countries shall avoid any attempt to improperly influence the outcome of the election or appointment process or the appearance thereof. All member countries are expected to respect the standards and requirements set out in the Code and shall ensure that their representatives, delegations, and candidates do likewise.

## WHO NOMINATES CANDIDATES AND MAY A COUNTRY NOMINATE MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE?

All INTERPOL member countries are invited to nominate qualified candidates for these positions through their National Central Bureau (NCB) no later than 6 March 2026.

Each member country may propose one candidate per post (Article 9(2) of the CCF Statute). This means that a member country may propose more than one candidate, for example one for the Advisory Chamber and one for the Requests Chamber, so long as the individuals eventually elected by the General Assembly are of different nationalities (Article 8(2) of the CCF Statute). Thus, if a member country's candidate is elected to one post, all other candidates from that country will be automatically removed from the election for the remaining posts.

Each member country may nominate the same individual for several posts (e.g. for the post of human rights expert and the one of data protection expert), so long as he/she has the required qualifications for those posts. If elected to a post, the candidate's name will be removed from the list of candidates for the remaining posts.

Each member country is encouraged to consider gender balance when nominating candidates for the Commission, thereby promoting a balanced representation of males and females.

## WHAT QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERTISE ARE REQUIRED OF CANDIDATES FOR A POSITION ON THE CCF?

### General requirements for all positions to be filled

- The candidate must be a national of one of INTERPOL member countries.
- The candidate must be a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity.
- The candidate must be fluent in written and spoken English as English is the working language of the CCF for processing internal files (Rule 14 of the Operating Rules of the CCF). Fluency in any other working language of the Organization (Arabic, French, Spanish) is an asset.
- The candidate must be proficient in using IT applications (mainly Office applications).
- The candidate must possess the qualifications required for appointment to senior positions in the relevant fields of expertise (e.g. police work or data protection) with a minimum of 15 years of experience in this field.

### Specific requirements for each position to be filled

#### Supervisory and Advisory Chamber:

##### **(1) Position of Expert in data protection**

The candidate must possess the qualifications required for appointment to senior positions in the field of data protection/privacy/compliance control. The ideal candidate would be a data protection expert/adviser/controller with the following experience and expertise:

- Experience in legal analysis and control of conformity of data to applicable rules (for example, within a national data protection authority, or other supervisory body);
- Experience in the police/justice sector and familiarity with data subjects' rights under data protection frameworks.

- Experience with state-of-the-art technology and current or emerging data protection issues, such as biometrics, big data/data lakes, open source information, cloud-based solutions, artificial intelligence, etc.

## **(2) Position of Expert in electronic data processing**

The candidate must possess the qualifications required for appointment to senior positions in the field of electronic data processing. The ideal candidate would be an information technology expert/adviser/controller with the following experience and expertise:

- Experience with practical use of state-of-the-art information and communication technology solutions;
- Experience in legal analysis and control of conformity of data to applicable rules (for example, a national data protection agency, or other supervisory body);
- Development/identification and analysis of IT Tools for Security and protection of personal data.

### **Requests Chamber:**

## **(3) Position of Lawyer with data protection expertise**

The candidate must possess the qualifications required for appointment to senior positions in the field of data protection. The candidate must be a lawyer (for example member of the bar, law professor, legal adviser, judge) and have expertise in data protection law / privacy rights, in particular in the context of the police/justice/national security sectors. Such expertise may have been acquired, for example, as member of a national data protection authority / privacy commissioner, as senior adviser on data protection, as law professor, or as lawyer, prosecutor or judge dealing with data protection issues. Specific knowledge of the most recent developments relating to international and regional data protection legal frameworks, as well as related jurisprudence, would be an asset.

## **(4) Lawyer with recognized international experience in police matter**

The candidate must possess the qualifications required for appointment to senior positions in the police field, preferably with an established international experience. The ideal candidate would be a lawyer (for example member of the bar, law professor, legal adviser) and have expertise in police matters, especially in relation to international police cooperation. Such expertise may have been acquired, for example, as high-ranking member of a national police unit participating in cooperation channels (INTERPOL and/or other regional or specialized bodies), as member of national diplomatic corps involved in police/security issues, or as senior adviser on international police cooperation. Specific knowledge of international/regional legal instruments relating to cooperation in criminal matters would be an asset.

## **(5) Lawyer with international criminal law expertise**

The candidate must possess the qualifications required for appointment to senior positions in the field of international criminal law. The ideal candidate would be a lawyer (for example member of the bar, law professor, legal adviser) and have expertise in international criminal law and compared criminal law. Such expertise may have been acquired, for example, as senior adviser on international criminal law, as member of an international criminal tribunal, or as lawyer, judge or prosecutor dealing with international/transnational criminal cases. For the purpose of this position, the candidate's experience must surpass working occasionally on aspects related to international criminal law. In addition, activities, lectures or publications of the candidates in the field of criminal law would be relevant in assessing their

expertise. Adjudicative experience (serving in a judicial or quasi-judicial position, litigating international criminal law cases, etc.) as well as specific knowledge of international cooperation in criminal matters/extradition/mutual legal assistance would be an asset.

#### **(6) Lawyer with human rights expertise**

The candidate must possess the qualifications required for appointment to senior positions in the field of human rights. The ideal candidate would be a lawyer (for example member of the bar, law professor, legal adviser) and have expertise in human rights, in particular international human rights. Such expertise may have been acquired, for example, as senior adviser on human rights, as law professor, or as lawyer, prosecutor or judge dealing with human rights cases. For the purpose of this position, the candidate's experience must surpass working occasionally on aspects related to human rights. In addition, activities, lectures or publications of the candidates in the field of human rights would be relevant in assessing their expertise. Adjudicative experience (serving in a judicial or quasi-judicial position, as member of a human rights committee, litigating human rights cases) would be an asset.

#### **(7) Lawyer who holds or has held a senior judicial or prosecutorial position**

The ideal candidate must be a lawyer (for example member of the bar, law professor, legal adviser), and must hold or have held a position of senior judge or prosecutor (national and/or international). Experience in international judicial cooperation should include handling requests for extradition, mutual legal assistance or other forms of cooperation in criminal matters. In addition, activities, lectures or publications of the candidates in the field of international cooperation in criminal matters would be an asset.

### **HOW AND WHEN MUST THE NCB SUBMIT A NOMINATION?**

Nominations must be submitted by 6 March 2026 through the NCB of the candidate's country to the INTERPOL General Secretariat.

Nominations may not be submitted directly by the candidates themselves.

### **WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CCF MEMBERS?**

Once elected, the members shall serve in their personal capacity, and not as representatives of their respective governments or NCBs.

If a candidate, who holds an official position within an NCB or in a supervisory position over the NCB, is elected, the candidate shall provide official documentation verifying the suspension of these duties (and/or indicating his/her new position/function) no later than two months before the scheduled start of their term as a CCF member. In addition, any other public official may be a candidate as long as their position is not incompatible with the independence required from CCF members.

In the exercise of their functions, the members of the Commission shall be independent, remain free from external influence, whether direct or indirect, and neither solicit nor accept instructions from any person, body or government.

Additionally, further to Article 12 of the CCF Statute and Rule 2(1) of the CCF Operating Rules, a member shall withdraw from the consideration of a case if he/she has a real or perceived, direct or indirect conflict of interest with respect to the case concerned, that would challenge his/her independence or impartiality, and notably shall withdraw from any case in which the NCB source of the challenged data is the NCB of

his/her country of nationality.

Members of the Commission shall abstain from any action or activity likely to interfere with the exercise of their functions or affect confidence in their independence.

Members of the Commission shall not, in accordance with the Operating Rules of the CCF, participate in INTERPOL's official meetings and/or conferences as delegates appointed by their countries. However, they may participate in such meetings as CCF members representing the CCF, subject to the prior approval of the CCF Chairperson and/or a decision of the CCF taken by a majority of the members present and voting (Rule 1 of the Operating Rules of the CCF).

#### **WHAT IS THE EXPECTED SCOPE OF ENGAGEMENT IN THE WORK OF THE CCF?**

If elected, a member of the CCF is expected to dedicate up to 80 days per year, in accordance with the 2024 General Assembly's resolution on the remuneration of the CCF members (GA-2024-92-RES-12). The Chairperson, elected by the CCF from among its members, is expected to dedicate up to 125 days per year - the equivalent of a 50% full-time position - as also foreseen in the same resolution. The work at the CCF includes travel to the Organization's headquarters in Lyon, France, with at least three/four times annually to attend notably the one-week CCF sessions.