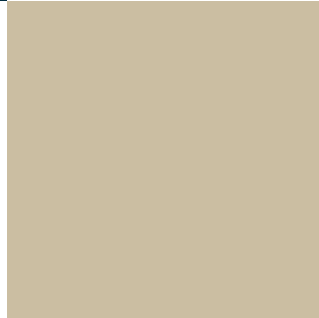




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INTEGRITY



RESPECT



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As we confront increasingly complex global threats, expanding criminal networks and rapid technological changes, our success depends not only on the tools or the systems we operate – but on the values we uphold.

This Code of Ethics is more than a formal document. It reflects who we are, how we work and what we stand for - as an organization, as professionals and as partners united by a shared mission: to empower and connect global law enforcement for a safer world.

Integrity, respect, teamwork, neutrality, and transparency are not abstract ideals. They form the foundation of our credibility, build trust and guide our conduct in everyday work.

These values unite us across borders, cultures and roles.

They should guide our decisions, shape our cooperation and inspire our service to global law enforcement.

By living these principles, we strengthen the trust in our organization and the global security we are committed to protecting.

Valdecy Urquiza
Secretary General



Our Vision:



"TOGETHER AGAINST CRIME".

INTERPOL serves as a unifying force that brings together police and stakeholders from around the globe with a shared aim: to tackle crime and create a safer world.

Our Mission:



**"TO CONNECT AND EMPOWER GLOBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
FOR A SAFER WORLD".**

Our commitment: To support, enable, and strengthen the work of law enforcement in every member country.

Our Strategic Framework 2026-2030:



**BE THE TRUSTED GLOBAL
INFORMATION HUB FOR
LAW ENFORCEMENT**



**PROVIDE WORLD-CLASS
INVESTIGATIVE AND
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT**



**BE THE LEADING VOICE
OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
WORLDWIDE**



**ENSURE
ORGANIZATIONAL
EXCELLENCE**

Preamble

Our Organization's Mission is to connect and empower global law enforcement for a safer world. In an international context marked by diversity, urgency, and complex threats, this Code of Ethics sets out the shared ethical principles that guide our collective action.

This Code expresses the core values that unite us across borders and ensures effective, fair, and responsible cooperation within the framework of our global mandate.

Our work is carried out in the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as articulated in our Constitution, which underpins our commitment to human dignity, fairness, and the rule of law.

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OUR CORE VALUES



We act with honesty, accountability, and impartiality in all that we do.

Integrity is the foundation of the trust we build. As international actors in law enforcement, we must be incorruptible, adhere to our responsibilities, and prevent conflicts of interest.

General Secretariat officials are bound by a duty of loyalty to the Organization. They shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any government or external authority.

Member countries, in turn, are expected to fully respect this independence in all interactions. No representative of the Organization shall seek to gain undue personal advantage from his or her position. Exemplary conduct is inseparable from operational credibility.

A large background image showing a person from the chest up, wearing a dark brown suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a brown tie with small white polka dots. The person's hands are raised in front of their chest, palms facing forward, in a gesture of integrity or honesty. The image is overlaid with semi-transparent geometric shapes in shades of blue and green.

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OUR CORE VALUES



We value the dignity of individuals, the diversity of cultures, and the essential role of law enforcement.

Respect is expressed through consideration for people, institutions, and the legal systems of our member countries. We recognize diversity – in background, identity, and thought – as a key strength in our global context.

Discrimination of any kind is not tolerated. We act with restraint, courtesy, and tolerance, and foster open, constructive dialogue.

Whether within the General Secretariat, between National Central Bureaus, or within our governing bodies, mutual respect is the basis for effective and lasting cooperation.

A large, high-quality photograph of two hands shaking in a firm grip, symbolizing cooperation and respect. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue and gold geometric pattern. The word 'RESPECT' is written in large, bold, white capital letters across the center of the image.

RESPECT

OUR CORE VALUES

We work together in solidarity and trust, with a shared purpose. Our mission depends on seamless, timely, and coordinated cross-border cooperation. We share responsibilities, successes, and challenges in a spirit of mutual support.

The General Secretariat collaborates closely with National Central Bureaus, member countries, the law enforcement community, and statutory bodies to ensure cohesive, efficient, and responsive operations.

Everyone has a responsibility to communicate openly, recognize one another's contributions, and foster a working environment based on transparency, professionalism, and fairness.

We are committed to ensuring the accuracy, confidentiality and secure handling of information shared across borders, recognizing its critical role in operational success and trust.

We also encourage creativity and innovation in anticipating the needs of our member countries and in developing tools that strengthen international police cooperation.



TEAMWORK

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OUR CORE VALUES



We fulfil our mandate with a strict adherence to independence, free from any external influence. Neutrality is the cornerstone of our international status. No official or governing body may serve the interests of any State, ideology, or group.

As laid down in our Constitution, the Organization shall refrain from undertaking any activities of a political, military, religious or racial nature.

Member countries are expected to respect this neutrality and refrain from exerting influence or pressure on General Secretariat officials.

They must also support the Organization in being impartial and independent in discharging its mandate.

This mutual understanding preserves the Organization's universal legitimacy and ensures that cooperation remains equitable for all member countries.

A large background image with a blue and white color scheme. It shows a person in a white lab coat or uniform, their hands are visible as they use a balance scale. In the foreground, a wooden gavel rests on a surface. The word "NEUTRALITY" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

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OUR CORE VALUES

We build trust through clarity, openness, and accountability.

Transparency ensures that our decisions, priorities, and methods are visible and understandable to those whom we serve.

The General Secretariat is committed to clear communication and responsible information sharing with its member countries, National Central Bureaus, and partners.

Member countries and statutory bodies also bear a responsibility to uphold transparency by engaging constructively with each other and with the Organization, respecting procedures, and contributing to a climate of mutual confidence in the performance of their functions. By making our actions visible and understandable, we strengthen legitimacy, drive continuous improvement, reinforce accountability, enable effective oversight, and foster a shared commitment to organizational excellence.

A large, close-up photograph of a human eye with light-colored irises, looking directly forward. The eye is the central focus of the lower half of the page. Overlaid on the right side of the eye is a semi-transparent graphic consisting of several overlapping circles in shades of blue, green, and yellow.

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Conclusion

This Code of Ethics reflects our shared commitment: to act with integrity, fairness, and loyalty in the service of international police cooperation and public safety.

Each of its five values expresses the principles that unite our Organization across borders, cultures, and institutions. It gives life to our Mission, to connect and empower global law enforcement for a safer world, and reaffirms our commitment to support, enable, and strengthen the work of law enforcement in every member country.

By upholding these principles, we contribute to a safer world.





Ethical support for General Secretariat officials

General Secretariat officials may, at any time, seek confidential guidance from the Ethics and Corporate Responsibility Office and from any other appropriate channels if they have concerns about whether an action might conflict with their responsibilities as international civil servants.



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ABOUT INTERPOL

INTERPOL's role is to enable police in its 196 member countries to work together to fight transnational crime and make the world a safer place. We maintain global databases containing police information on criminals and crime, and we provide operational and forensic support, analysis services and training. These policing capabilities are delivered worldwide and support four global programmes: financial crime and corruption; counter-terrorism; cybercrime; and organized and emerging crime.



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