



**AGREEMENT OF CO-OPERATION**

**BETWEEN**

**THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION**

**AND**

**THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION - INTERPOL**

2005

## **Preamble**

The International Maritime Organization, hereinafter referred to as IMO and the International Criminal Police Organization – Interpol, hereinafter referred to as Interpol;

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

Recognizing that IMO is the specialized United Nations agency responsible for the development of international standards concerning maritime safety, security and environmental protection;

Recognizing that Interpol is responsible for ensuring and promoting 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 the desirability of IMO's co-operation with Interpol, in activities relating to unlawful acts against the safety of maritime navigation and in combating, among other things, terrorism; piracy and armed robbery against ships; transportation of illegal migrants by sea; smuggling on board ships and trafficking of drugs, psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals; resolution of stowaway cases; and pollution from ships;

Have agreed on the following:

### **Article 1**

#### **Mutual consultation**

1. IMO and Interpol will consult each other on matters of common interest for the purpose of realizing their objectives and co-ordinating their respective activities.
2. IMO and Interpol will exchange information on developments in any of their fields and projects that are of mutual interest and may reciprocally take observations concerning such activities into consideration with a view to promoting effective co-operation.
3. When appropriate, consultation may be arranged at the required level between representatives of IMO 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 2**

### **Exchange of information**

1. IMO and Interpol may combine their efforts to achieve the best use of all available information relevant to activities relating to unlawful acts against the safety of maritime navigation and in combating, among other things, terrorism; piracy and armed robbery against ships; transportation of illegal migrants by sea; smuggling on board ships and trafficking of drugs, psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals; resolution of stowaway cases; and pollution from ships.
2. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential information, IMO and Interpol will exchange information concerning matters of common interest, within the framework of activities and objectives of each Organization.
3. Communication of police information by Interpol to IMO shall be subject to Interpol's regulations. If an item of information communicated by Interpol to IMO is subsequently modified or deleted, Interpol shall inform IMO so that the latter may keep its own archives up-to-date. Interpol shall not be liable in the event that the use by IMO of an item of information is prejudicial to an individual's or entity's interests, if Interpol has informed IMO that that item of information has been modified or deleted. Police information communicated by Interpol to IMO shall be used by IMO exclusively for the purposes of prevention or suppression of transnational ordinary law crime, with due respect for national laws and international treaties.
4. Communication of information by IMO to Interpol shall be subject to the provisions of IMO's regulations. If an item of information communicated by IMO to Interpol is subsequently modified or deleted, IMO shall inform Interpol so that the latter may keep its own archives up-to-date. IMO shall not be liable in the event that the use by Interpol of an item of information is prejudicial to an individual's or entity's interests, if IMO has informed Interpol that that item of information has been modified or deleted.

## **Article 3**

### **Reciprocal representation**

1. The Secretary-General of IMO will invite the Secretary General of Interpol to send representatives to observe meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of IMO to consider matters in which Interpol has an interest, in accordance with procedures applicable to each meeting or conference. The Secretary General of Interpol will invite the Secretary-General of IMO to send representatives to observe meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of Interpol to consider matters in which IMO has an interest, in accordance with procedures applicable to each meeting or conference.

## **Article 4**

### **Technical Co-operation**

1. IMO and Interpol may, in the interests of their respective activities, seek each other's expertise and resources to optimize the effects of such activities.
2. IMO, at Interpol's request, may review projects at national, regional and global levels in order to provide comments and suggestions appropriate to its domain of expertise.
3. Joint technical co-operation activities may be conducted, monitored and evaluated through a separate partnership arrangement made and agreed by both parties.

## **Article 5**

### **Joint initiatives**

By mutual agreement, IMO and Interpol may co-operate in the development and execution of programmes, projects and activities relating particularly to unlawful acts against the safety of maritime navigation and in combating, among other things, terrorism; piracy and armed robbery against ships; transportation of illegal migrants by sea; smuggling on board ships and trafficking of drugs, psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals; resolution of stowaway cases; and pollution from ships.

## **Article 6**

### **Personnel arrangements**

Subject to their relevant internal regulations, IMO and Interpol may examine the possibility of organizing the exchange of personnel on a temporary basis. Both Organizations will enter into special arrangements, if necessary, for that purpose.

## **Article 7**

### **Waiver**

Nothing contained in this agreement shall constitute a waiver, express or implied, of any privilege or immunity which the parties may enjoy, whether pursuant to the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies or any other convention or agreement, law, order or decree of international or national character.

**Article 8**

**Entry into force, modification and duration**

1. The present Agreement of Co-operation shall enter into force 45 days after its signature by the Secretary-General of IMO and the Secretary General of Interpol subject to the approval of the Assembly of IMO and of Interpol's Executive Committee.
2. The present Agreement of Co-operation 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 Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Secretary General of the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) have signed the present Agreement of Co-operation on the dates appearing under their respective signatures.

Agreed for Interpol by:



R.K. NOBLE  
Secretary General

Date: 06.01.2006.....

Agreed for IMO by:



E.E. MITROPOULOS  
Secretary-General

Date: 16.12.2005.....