

**CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL  
POLICE ORGANIZATION  
(ICPO-INTERPOL)**

**AND**

**THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY  
(WADA)**

**Preamble**

**The International Criminal Police Organization-INTERPOL** (hereinafter referred to as INTERPOL)

And

**The World Anti-Doping Agency** (hereinafter referred to as WADA)

**Wishing** to co-ordinate their efforts within the framework of their respective mandates;

**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** that WADA is responsible for promoting and co-ordinating at international level the fight against doping in sport, including the promotion of harmonized rules, disciplinary procedures, sanctions and other means of combating doping in sport;

**Recalling** that the Anti-Doping Convention of 16 November 1989 and its Additional Protocol of 12 September 2002 adopted within the framework of the Council of Europe are the public international law tools which are at the origin of national anti-doping policies and of intergovernmental co-operation;

**Noting** the entering into force on 1 February 2007 of the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport (hereinafter called "the UNESCO International Convention") unanimously approved on 19 October 2005 by 191 Member States, in order to promote and foster international co-operation between States Parties and leading organizations, in particular WADA, in the prevention of and the fight against doping in sport, with a view to its elimination;

**Noting** that the UNESCO International Convention formalizes governmental support for the World Anti-Doping Code adopted by WADA and supported by governments in the Copenhagen Declaration on Anti-Doping in Sport (March 2003);

**Noting** that pursuant to Article 5 of the UNESCO International Convention it is within the States Parties' discretion to adopt appropriate measures to achieve the objectives of the said Convention, including legislation, policies or administrative practices;

**Recognizing** that some INTERPOL member countries had already adopted in their national criminal legislation measures to achieve these objectives in sport

and non-sport milieu as well, while further to the entry into force of the UNESCO International Convention, some others have either strengthened or adopted criminal laws on the subject matter;

**Recognizing** that the use of any prohibited substances or prohibited methods and the trafficking of prohibited substances or methods is not restricted to competitive sports, but largely covers millions of users, and hence is considered as a serious public health issue;

**Recognizing** the importance of fighting against doping and trafficking of doping substances, particularly when these relate to criminal groups which find thereby a way to make huge illegal profits;

**Noting** that some INTERPOL member countries have already provided the Organization with information regarding international rings' and criminal groups' involvement in doping activities;

**Recognizing** the need to foster and co-ordinate international police co-operation in the fight against doping and trafficking of doping substances, with a view to its elimination;

**Recognizing** that it is within INTERPOL's mandate to foster international police co-operation in the fight against doping and trafficking of doping substances to the extent that States Parties in abiding by the obligations contained in the UNESCO International Convention have chosen to adopt criminal laws on the subject matter;

**Recognizing** the mutual interest for both organizations in co-operating to better fight doping activities and trafficking of doping substances;

**Have therefore agreed** on the following:

**Article 1**  
**Purpose**

The purpose of the present Co-operation Agreement is to establish a framework for co-operation between the Parties, within their respective mandates and subject to their respective rules and regulations, thus facilitating the exchange of information and expertise, along with the prevention and suppression of doping and trafficking in doping.

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**Article 2**  
**Co-operation**

1. INTERPOL and WADA shall co-operate in activities of common interest in the area of anti-doping within their respective mandates and with due respect for national laws, international law and the Parties' respective rules and regulations.
2. The purpose of the co-operation between INTERPOL and WADA is to support enforcement of national and international anti-doping measures referred to in the UNESCO International Convention with due respect for their respective mandates. The said support shall be limited to anti-doping measures that are directed towards the prevention and suppression of doping activities and trafficking of doping substances, when the latter constitute ordinary law crimes. However WADA and INTERPOL shall join their efforts to encourage the implementation of relevant legislation in all INTERPOL Member countries to enable police officers to efficiently fight against the trafficking of doping substances.
3. INTERPOL, through its National Central Bureaus shall liaise with the national authorities competent in the area of anti-doping and trafficking of doping substances. WADA shall encourage national authorities competent in the area of anti-doping and trafficking of doping substances to liaise with INTERPOL's General Secretariat via INTERPOL's National Central Bureaus.
4. INTERPOL and WADA shall co-operate in the collection, storage and exchange of information, in compliance with the applicable rules as laid down in Article 4 (2).
5. INTERPOL and WADA shall co-operate in the set-up of information sessions and seminars to raise awareness about the issue of trafficking of doping substances.
6. Each party shall assist the other in the development of alerts on trends observed in the field of doping and trafficking of doping substances.

**Article 3**  
**Representation**

1. Subject to existing internal rules and regulations, representatives of each party will be invited to participate as observers in meetings of the other party at which matters of common interest are to be examined.
2. INTERPOL and WADA shall each designate a person to act as a point of contact with a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the present Co-operation Agreement.

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**Article 4**  
**Exchange of Information**

1. Each party shall inform the other about the progress of work related to activities of common interest.
2. Subject to such restrictions and arrangements as may be considered necessary by either Party to preserve the confidential nature and security of certain information and documents, INTERPOL and WADA shall ensure full and prompt exchange of information and documents, in particular concerning typologies, trends and modus operandi in the field of doping and trafficking of doping substances. The said information is exchanged and processed exclusively for the purpose of this Agreement and on a need to know basis, with due respect for national laws, international law and each party's rules and regulations, in particular INTERPOL's Rules on the Processing of Information for the purposes of international police co-operation and the texts to which they refer.
3. When providing information, each Party shall ensure that such information is accurate, relevant and kept updated.
4. Prior to the use of any information obtained from INTERPOL, WADA must check with the INTERPOL's General Secretariat to ensure that the information is still accurate and relevant.
5. Information received in accordance with the present Agreement may not be transmitted to third parties without the prior consent of the providing Party.
6. Each Party shall take the appropriate measures to protect the information received from the other Party from unauthorized access or processing.

**Article 5**  
**Finance**

1. The means of financing all activities of common interest will be jointly defined on a project-by-project basis between the parties.
2. To implement the co-operation as referred to in Article 2, WADA undertakes to use its best endeavour to secure appropriate funding for all costs relating to the dedication of an officer within the INTERPOL structure.

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**Article 6**  
**Revisions and Termination**

1. The provisions of the present agreement may be amended at any time, upon written agreement between the parties.
2. Either party may terminate the present Agreement, subject to three months notice in writing to the other party.

**Article 7**  
**Entry into Force**

The present Agreement will enter into force at the latest 60 days after signing by the Secretary General of INTERPOL and the Chairman and the Director General of WADA.

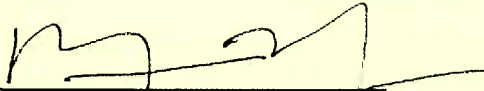
In witness whereof, the Secretary General of INTERPOL and the Chairman and the Director General of WADA have signed the present co-operation agreement in two original copies, in English, on the dates appearing under their respective signatures.

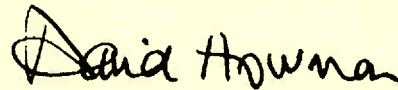
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**For the International Criminal  
Police Organization (INTERPOL)**

**For the World Anti-Doping Agency  
(WADA)**

  
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**Ronald K. Noble**  
**Secretary General**

  
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**David Howman**  
**Director General**