

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE  
ORGANIZATION – INTERPOL**



**AND**

**THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY – EAC**





Preamble

**The International Criminal Police Organization-INTERPOL** hereinafter referred to as “INTERPOL”

and

**The East African Community** hereinafter referred to as the “EAC”

Hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

**Whereas** INTERPOL is an independent intergovernmental organization;

**Whereas** Article 2 of the INTERPOL Constitution provides that INTERPOL’s aims are 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, and to establish and develop all institutions likely to contribute effectively to the prevention and suppression of ordinary law crimes in accordance with its Constitution;

**Whereas** Article 3 of the INTERPOL Constitution provides that it is strictly forbidden for INTERPOL to undertake any intervention or activities of a political, military, religious or racial character;

**Whereas** the EAC is a regional intergovernmental organization established in 1999 by the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community;

**Whereas** the EAC’s mission is to widen and deepen economic, political, social and cultural integration in order to improve the quality of life of the people of Eastern Africa through increased competitiveness, value added production, trade and investments;

**Whereas** the EAC has acknowledged that peace and security are critical to the creation of the right environment upon which regional integration in all aspects can be fostered;

**Whereas** the EAC is developing strategies on the control of cross border crime with an aim to ensure the security of persons and goods as the implementation of the EAC Common Market progresses;

**Whereas** INTERPOL is pursuing the goal of developing enhanced cooperation with other international and regional organizations;

**Now therefore**, the Parties, wishing to establish and maintain a framework for the purpose of coordinating their efforts with regards to the missions assigned to them;

Have agreed as follows:



**Section 1**

**PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT**

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.

**Section 2**

**DESIGNATED BODIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION**

Under the present Arrangement, cooperation shall be implemented between INTERPOL and EAC through the following designated bodies:

- For INTERPOL, the INTERPOL General Secretariat and in particular its Regional Bureau for Eastern Africa; situated in Nairobi, Kenya
- For EAC, the EAC Secretariat; situated in Arusha Tanzania.

**Section 3**

**AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The cooperation and interaction between the Parties shall pertain to areas of transnational ordinary-law crime of common interest.

**Section 4**

**RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION**

1. Arrangements shall be made for reciprocal representation of INTERPOL and EAC to meetings or conferences convened under their respective auspices and which consider matters in which the other Party has an interest or technical competence, in accordance with the applicable laws of each Party and the procedures applicable to each meeting or conference.
2. The Secretary General of INTERPOL and the Secretary General of EAC 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.



**Section 5**  
**IMPLEMENTATION**

The Parties shall meet within three months following the entry into force of this Agreement in order to elaborate the proper framework for its implementation and develop a relevant plan of action.

**Section 6**  
**EXPENSES**

Unless otherwise agreed, the Parties shall bear their own expenses which arise in the course of implementing this Agreement.

**Section 7**  
**CONSULTATION**

When necessary, the Parties shall conduct consultations for the purposes of coordination and better efficiency of cooperation and interaction provided for in the present Cooperation Agreement.

**Section 8**  
**MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

The parties agree to meet once a year to monitor and evaluate the implementation of this Agreement.

**Section 9**  
**SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any dispute which may emerge in connection with the interpretation or application of the present Cooperation Agreement shall be settled by means of consultation and negotiation between representatives of the Parties.





**Section 10**

**AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS**

1. The present Cooperation Agreement may be modified by mutual consent expressed in writing.  
The Parties may propose other modalities of cooperation based on the experience gained or the institutional amendments occurred in the course of the implementation of the provisions set forth in the present Cooperation Agreement and enter into Supplementary Arrangements to that effect.
2. Such supplementary arrangements shall constitute a modification of the present Cooperation Agreement.

**Section 11**

**ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TERMINATION**



The present Cooperation Agreement shall enter into force thirty days following its signature by both Parties.

It may be terminated in writing by either of the Parties with three months' notice.

In witness thereof, the Secretary General of the International Criminal Police Organization-INTERPOL, and the Secretary General of the East African Community – EAC, have signed the present Cooperation Agreement in two original copies, in English, on the dates appearing under their respective signatures.

For the International Criminal Police  
Organization - INTERPOL

For the East African Community - EAC


Ronald K. Noble  
Secretary General

Richard Sezibera  
Secretary General

Date: 12/12/2012

Date: 18/12/2012

Place: Lyon, France

Place: Arusha, Tanzania

