



Official Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Signature of the OECD Convention

Remarks by INTERPOL Secretary General Jürgen Stock (video transcript)

Monsieur le Président de la République française
Señor Presidente del Gobierno de España,
Your Excellencies, Leaders of the OECD member countries,
OECD Secretary General, Mr Ángel Gurría,

It is my pleasure to address you on this historic occasion marking the official commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the signature of the OECD Convention.

For six decades, the OECD has been a global facilitator of international co-operation, providing a unique platform for open and inclusive dialogue between dozens of countries, international organizations, civil society and other key stakeholders.

By focusing on issues such as prosperity, equality, opportunity and well-being-for-all while shaping new policies, the work of the OECD always reminded us of the human face of economic development.

This has also taught us the intrinsic link that naturally exists between economic development and security.

In today's interconnected world, we've learned that security challenges are no longer just national, but also regional and global, directly threatening the sustainable development and prosperity of our societies, and making it impossible for a single agency or country to address them alone.

INTERPOL's 194-country network joins the OECD as a global platform for security. A platform where we learn from one another, share information, develop a comprehensive understanding of current and future threats and shape an adequate global response for a safer world.

This undeniable link between development and security was the foundation of a dialogue between the OECD and INTERPOL which began several years ago.

Today, as we face the pandemic and address its impact on global security and economic prosperity, the world needs more international cooperation, not less.

This is why as we mark the 60th anniversary of the OECD – I am pleased to announce that Secretary General Gurría and I will sign a joint Letter of Intent, paving the way for a stronger strategic partnership between the OECD and INTERPOL.

Finally, I wish to congratulate the OECD and its member countries for all their successes over the past 60 years, and look forward to working closely with you to achieve our common goal of a safer world, and better and prosperous lives for all.