

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION - INTERPOL
AND
THE INVESTIGATIONS SECTION OF THE OFFICE OF
INTERNAL OVERSIGHT SERVICES

(Application of Articles 2 to 5 inclusive of the Co-operation Agreement between the United Nations and the International Criminal Police Organization-Interpol, which came into force following approval by the Interpol General Assembly at its 66th session)

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Preamble

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

and

the Investigations Section of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (hereinafter referred to as the IS-OIOS)

Wishing

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

Recognizing

that INTERPOL is responsible for providing and developing 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 the IS-OIOS is the United Nations unit which is mandated to conduct inter alia, investigation of reports of violations of United Nations regulations, rules and pertinent administrative issuances, to assess the potential within problem areas for fraud and other violations through analysis of systems of control in high risk operations as well as offices away from Headquarters,

Recognizing

the desirability of the two Institutions co-operating, within the fields of their competence,

Have agreed on the following:

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Article I - Mutual consultation

1. INTERPOL and the Investigations Section of OIOS (hereinafter IS-OIOS) shall consult regularly on policy issues within their respective competence and matters of common interest for the purpose of realizing their objectives and co-ordinating their respective activities.
2. INTERPOL and the IS-OIOS shall reciprocally take observations concerning such activities into consideration with a view to promoting effective co-ordination.
3. When appropriate, consultations shall be arranged at the required level between representatives of the IS-OIOS and INTERPOL to agree upon the most effective way in which to organize particular activities of common interest and to optimize the use of their resources in connection with such activities.

Article II - Exchange of information

1. Subject to necessary limitations and internal regulations, INTERPOL and the IS-OIOS shall exchange information on developments in the fields of their activities and projects of mutual interest.
2. INTERPOL and the IS-OIOS shall combine their efforts to achieve the best use of all available information relevant to the implementation of their respective mandates.
3. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential information, INTERPOL and the IS-OIOS shall ensure the fullest possible exchange of information and documents concerning matters of common interest. No nominal police data shall be communicated to the IS-OIOS without the prior consent of the NCB (National Central Bureau) from which the information originated. Furthermore, no information obtained by the IS-OIOS shall be communicated to INTERPOL without the guiding principles of that service being observed.

Article III - Reciprocal representation

1. The Under-Secretary-General of the IS-OIOS and the Secretary General of INTERPOL shall appoint a focal point with a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the present Memorandum of Understanding.

Article IV - Technical Co-operation

1. When in the interest of their respective activities, INTERPOL and the IS-OIOS shall seek each other's expertise to optimize the effects of such activities.
2. Joint activities to be conducted under the present Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to the approval of individual project documents by both parties and shall be monitored under an agreed mechanism.



3. INTERPOL and the IS-OIOS shall co-operate in evaluating programmes, projects and activities of common interest, subject to mutual agreement on a case-by-case basis.

Article V - Entry into force, modification and duration

1. The present Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the Secretary General of INTERPOL and the Under-Secretary-General of the IS-OIOS.
2. The Memorandum of Understanding 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.

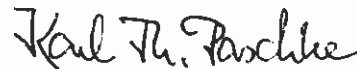
In witness whereof, the Secretary General of the International Criminal Police Organization-Interpol and the Director General of the Investigations Section of the Office Internal Oversight Services sign the present Memorandum of Understanding in duplicate, in English and French, both texts being authentic, on the dates appearing under their respective signatures.

For the ICPO-Interpol

For the IS-OIOS



R.E. Kendall, Q.P.M., M.A.,
Secretary General



Karl Th. Paschke
Under-Secretary-General

Date:

29.9.98

Date:

23.9.98