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Brazilian President President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
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Mr President,

It is a great honour to welcome you to the INTERPOL General Secretariat here in Lyon today.

On behalf of the entire INTERPOL community, I extend our warmest greetings and sincere appreciation for your presence with us — a powerful reflection of Brazil's commitment to global security, dialogue and the rule of law.

Brazil has been a valued member of INTERPOL since 1986, and over these four decades, we have built a strong and trusted partnership in our shared efforts to advance international justice and cooperation.

The recent election of Mr Valdecy Urquiza as Secretary General — chosen by the police forces of our 196 member countries — is a clear testament to the confidence the global law enforcement community places in Brazil's leadership, professionalism, and strategic vision.

Mr President,

Your leadership of Brazil — across three decades and multiple mandates — has consistently shown resolve to contribute meaningfully to global security, justice, and international cooperation.

Your voice on the global stage has long reminded us that true security must be inclusive, cooperative, and rooted in shared responsibility.

From defending the Amazon, to progressing the rights of Brazil's most vulnerable communities, and championing the voice of the Global South, you have placed justice, in its broadest and most inclusive sense, at the heart of your national and international agenda

That same vision aligns with INTERPOL's mandate: to uphold the rule of law, to protect the most vulnerable, to support the voices of all regions, and to strengthen international cooperation against threats that know no borders.

Your country has long been a leader in this work. Whether confronting organized crime, environmental destruction, cyber threats, or human trafficking, the Brazilian Federal Police consistently demonstrates professionalism, operational excellence, and global engagement. It plays

a vital role in international security, and we are proud to stand side by side on the frontlines of transnational crime.

Mr President,

We are delighted to demonstrate to you today, in person, the intricacy and importance of INTERPOL's work — and how it directly supports the efforts of police forces in each of our 196 member countries, including Brazil.

We look forward to deepening our cooperation, today and in the years ahead, especially in the face of new global challenges.

Your visit is more than a gesture of diplomacy — it is a strong affirmation of Brazil's commitment to international cooperation and collective security. It underscores the trust, respect, and shared mission that bind Brazil and INTERPOL together.

Once again, welcome to INTERPOL, Mr President. The global INTERPOL family is honoured to have you here with us today.