



Statement by INTERPOL at Fourth Session of the Ad Hoc Committee on General Provisions as provided for in Consolidated Negotiating Document.

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Madam Chairperson,

INTERPOL appreciates the Secretariat's efforts in leading the session thus far and providing participants with the Consolidated Negotiating Document. INTERPOL would like to deliver some brief remarks on Articles 1, 3 and 5 of Chapter I concerning General Provisions.

As regards the *statement of purpose* outlined in Article 1, INTERPOL welcomes the strong congruence between the draft text and INTERPOL's mission and strategy to counter and combat cybercrime. Geared towards the prevention, detection, investigation and disruption of cybercrime, INTERPOL's Global Programme aims to reduce the impact of such crime worldwide and protect communities for a safer world. Relatedly, the *promotion, facilitation and strengthening of international cooperation*, as referenced in paragraph "b", is at the core of INTERPOL's mandate, endorsed by our 195 member countries.

Further, in its capacity as the only global, neutral intergovernmental law enforcement organization, INTERPOL is uniquely placed and equipped to *operationalize* the Convention. Existing INTERPOL channels, tools, and platforms are available to its membership and can be utilized for the exchange of information, expertise, technical assistance and best practices, in line with the practical measures listed in paragraph "c"

For example, our I-24/7 secure communication system enables law enforcement in our member countries to exchange crucial police data and access INTERPOL's databases and other capabilities around the clock. These systems and databases can be used bilaterally and multilaterally – between member countries that are connected, as well as with INTERPOL if needed. Authorities are also able to use INTERPOL's Cybercrime Knowledge Exchange to collaborate and share best practices and general information on the cyber threat landscape. In addition, INTERPOL offers the Cybercrime Collaborative

Platform - Operation for secure and rapid communications and exchange of data and intelligence in relation to joint operational activities.

These tools are already widely used and we kindly take note of the several mentions of our channels in interventions from the floor, here in the plenary. This stands testament to the fact that the Convention will not and cannot operate in a vacuum. Rather than multiplying efforts and causing fragmentations or silos, we should cooperate, collaborate and strive towards a harmonized international legal framework and a common set of principles and standards.

State parties would gain to build on and maximize the use of INTERPOL's trusted and proven mechanisms developed at the operational level by law enforcement. In fact, our channels and tools are enhanced by the significant financial contributions made by our member countries, many of which are present here today. It would be a waste of valuable resources to create duplicative systems and platforms.

Last but not least, INTERPOL welcomes the inclusion of Article 5 on *respect for human rights*. The protection of human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law is of central importance and particularly relevant in this context. This is likewise recognized by Article 2 of INTERPOL's Constitution which references the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Madam Chairperson, INTERPOL reiterates its appreciation for your skillful leadership of the present negotiations and this inclusive process.

Thank you very much.