INTERPOL was established on 7 September 1923, entrusted with the mandate of “facilitating the widest possible mutual assistance between law enforcement authorities”. From an initial membership of 20, the Organization gathers today law enforcement from 195 member countries united against transnational crime.
195 MEMBER COUNTRIES CONNECTED THROUGH A SECURE NETWORK
FACILITATING INFORMATION EXCHANGE GLOBALLY

17 million messages exchanged through I-24/7

INTERPOL manages 19 databases containing information related to crimes and criminals.

As of September 2023, these databases contain over 128 million records. They were searched over 5 billion times by law enforcement since the beginning of this year.
A Eritrean national had two INTERPOL Red Notices issued against him by the Netherlands and Ethiopia for trafficking and murder.

He was arrested on 1/1/2023 in Sudan after coordinated efforts by UAE and Sudanese authorities based on intelligence gathered through INTERPOL’s channels.

In South Africa, during an INTERPOL coordinated LIONFISH operation, crystal meth bound for Australia was found hidden inside sculptures of animals.

South Africa requested that INTERPOL issue a Purple Notice to detail some of these concealment methods and share this information with law enforcement globally.
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17. Encourages increased cooperation between the United Nations and INTERPOL to assist Member States, upon their request, in effectively using the INTERPOL I-24/7 global police secure communications system, Databases, Notices and diffusions...

18. Acknowledges the importance of extending real-time access to the I-24/7 global police secure communications system from the national central bureau ... to other national law enforcement entities at strategic locations, such as border crossings, airports and customs and immigration post


15. Urges States to make full use of the experience and tools of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) in combating trafficking in persons;
The Working Group may elect to encourage State Parties to:

1. “Make full use of the INTERPOL I-24/7 global police secure communications system to exchange criminal data and intelligence in a timely and secure manner”.

2. “Further their use of INTERPOL’s databases, notices and diffusions with a view to foster information exchange among law enforcement globally”.

3. “Extend real-time access to the I-24/7 global police secure communications system from the national central bureau ... to other national law enforcement entities at strategic locations, such as border crossings, airports and customs and immigration post”.