

COOPERATION AGREEMENT
between
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION - INTERPOL
and
THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

Preamble

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

and

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as UNESCO),

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

Recognizing that INTERPOL is responsible for ensuring and promoting 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 purpose of UNESCO is to contribute to peace and security by promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recognizing the desirability of UNESCO's cooperating with INTERPOL in combatting, among other things, illicit traffic in cultural property and crime, taking advantage of new technology, such as cybercrime and child pornography,

Have agreed on the following:

Article 1

Mutual consultation

1. INTERPOL and UNESCO shall consult regularly on policy issues and matters of common interest for the purpose of realizing their objectives and coordinating their respective activities.
2. INTERPOL and UNESCO shall exchange information on developments in any of their fields and projects that are of mutual interest and shall reciprocally take observations concerning such activities into consideration with a view to promoting effective cooperation.

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3. When appropriate, consultation shall be arranged at the required level between representatives of UNESCO and INTERPOL to agree upon the most effective way in which to organize particular activities and to optimize the use of their resources in compliance with their respective mandates.

Article 2

Exchange of information

1. INTERPOL and UNESCO shall combine their efforts to achieve the best use of all available information relevant to trafficking of cultural properties and crime, taking advantage of new technology.

2. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential information, INTERPOL and UNESCO shall ensure full and prompt exchange of information and documents concerning matters of common interest.

3. Communication of police information by INTERPOL to UNESCO shall be subject to INTERPOL's internal regulations. If an item of information communicated by INTERPOL to UNESCO is modified or deleted, INTERPOL shall inform UNESCO so that the latter may keep its own archives up to date. INTERPOL shall not be liable in the event that the use by UNESCO of an item of information is prejudicial to an individual's or entity's interests, if INTERPOL has informed UNESCO that that item of information has been modified or deleted. Police information communicated by INTERPOL to UNESCO shall be used by UNESCO exclusively for the purposes of prevention or suppression of transnational ordinary law crime, with due respect for national laws and international treaties.

4. Communication of information by UNESCO to INTERPOL shall be subject to the provisions of UNESCO's internal regulations.

Article 3

Reciprocal representation

1. Representatives of INTERPOL and representatives of UNESCO shall be invited to attend meetings convened under their respective auspices and participate, as observers without vote, in the deliberations thereof, with respect to matters of mutual interest and competence. Additional arrangements for reciprocal representation may be made if and when necessary.

2. The Director General of UNESCO and the Secretary General of INTERPOL shall each designate a person to act as a focal point with a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the present Cooperation Agreement.

Article 4

Technical cooperation

1. INTERPOL and UNESCO shall, in the interest of their respective activities, seek and share each other's expertise and experience to optimize the effects of such activities.
2. UNESCO shall review, at INTERPOL's request, projects at national, regional and global levels in order to provide comments and suggestions appropriate to its domain of expertise.
3. By mutual agreement, UNESCO and INTERPOL shall cooperate in the development and execution of programmes, projects and activities relating particularly to crimes and offences concerning cultural property and information and communication technologies.
4. Joint activities to be conducted under the present Cooperation Agreement shall be subject to the approval of individual project documents by both parties and shall be monitored under an agreed mechanism.
5. INTERPOL and UNESCO shall cooperate in evaluating such programmes, projects and activities of common interest, subject to mutual agreement on a case-by-case basis.

Article 5

Personnel arrangements

Subject to their relevant internal regulations, UNESCO and INTERPOL shall examine the possibility of organizing the exchange of personnel on a temporary basis. They will enter into special arrangements, if necessary, for that purpose.

Article 6

Entry into force, modification and duration

1. The present Cooperation Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the Secretary-General of INTERPOL and the Director-General of UNESCO, subject to the approval of the INTERPOL Executive Committee and of the Executive Board of UNESCO.
2. The present Co-operation Agreement 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 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization have signed the present Cooperation Agreement in duplicate in English and French, both texts being equally authentic, on the dates appearing under their respective signatures.

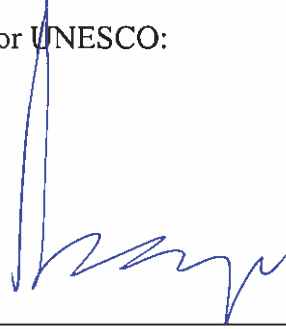
For the ICPO-Interpol:



Secretary-General

Date: 5 October 1999

For UNESCO:



Director-General

Date: 5 October 1999