



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE
ORGANIZATION – INTERPOL**

AND

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL ANTI-TERRORIST
STRUCTURE OF THE SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANIZATION
(SCO-RATS)**

The International Criminal Police Organization – INTERPOL (hereinafter referred to as “INTERPOL”)

And

The Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (hereinafter referred to as “SCO-RATS”)

Hereinafter collectively referred to as "*the Parties*",

Wishing to coordinate their efforts within the framework of the missions assigned to them,

Recognizing that INTERPOL is an independent intergovernmental organization responsible for ensuring and promoting the widest possible mutual assistance between all 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,

Having in mind that, under its Constitution, INTERPOL is strictly forbidden to undertake any intervention or activities of a political, military, religious or racial character,

Recognizing that one of the fundamental objectives and tasks of the SCO-RATS is to establish and support working contacts with international organizations engaged in issues of combating terrorism,

Emphasizing the importance of effective coordinated actions and exchange of information in the field of counter-terrorism,

Considering that INTERPOL is pursuing the goal of developing enhanced cooperation with other international and regional organizations,

Affirming the desirability of cooperation between INTERPOL and the SCO-RATS within the limits of their respective mandates in the field of counter-terrorism,

Acknowledging that this Memorandum of Understanding does not create any legally binding obligations,

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

Cooperation

In conformity with their respective rules, regulations and policies, the Parties hereby agree to:

1. Facilitate and coordinate cooperation and consultation between each other in areas of mutual interest;
2. Set up appropriate channels for interaction and exchange of information in the field of counter-terrorism.

Article 2

Framework of the cooperation

Within the framework of their respective mandates and regulations, and in compliance with generally recognized principles and norms of international law, the Parties agree to cooperate and interact to achieve the best use of all available analytical and personal information related to terrorism, such as terrorist groups, individuals, dynamics and trends. In accordance with both Parties' regulations and rules, such collaboration may include research on matters of mutual interest, the exchange of information and analysis and reciprocal participation in meetings and seminars convened by one or other Party.

Article 3

Exchange of information

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of the security, confidentiality and processing conditions of information exchanged between the Parties in the context of this Memorandum, the Parties agree to the exchange of analytical information on terrorism, as well as scientific, legal and methodological literature and research concerning matters of common interest, within the framework of the activities and objectives of each Party.
2. The Parties may also exchange personal data concerning individuals subject to INTERPOL Notices and Diffusions. The General Secretariat must previously obtain the approval of the source of the data to disclose it to the SCO-RATS.
3. Information received in agreement with the present Memorandum may not be transmitted to third parties without the consent of the providing Party.

4. Information provided by INTERPOL to the SCO-RATS shall be subject to INTERPOL's rules and regulations, in particular INTERPOL's Rules on the Processing of Data, and shall be used exclusively for the purposes of preventing or suppressing transnational terrorism, with due regard to national laws and international law. Under no circumstances should information communicated by INTERPOL be used for any undertaking or activities of a political, military, religious or racial character.
5. The provision of information by the SCO-RATS to INTERPOL shall be subject to the SCO-RATS's rules and regulations.

Article 4 Consultation

In order to review the implementation of cooperation under this Memorandum, as well as to elaborate trends of its further development, the Parties may, as appropriate, hold joint working meetings and consultations. The Parties may, furthermore, recommend other fields and forms of cooperation on the basis of experience gained during the implementation of this Memorandum.

Article 5 Assignment of liaison officers

In order to increase the effectiveness of cooperation and interaction under this Memorandum, the Parties may, on a mutual basis, assign liaison officers to maintain communications between them.

Article 6 Rights and obligations under other international agreements

This Memorandum shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties under other international agreements to which they are parties.

Article 7 Implementation

The Parties may, for the purposes of implementing this Memorandum, arrange settlements or conclude further agreements as may be appropriate.

Article 8 Expenses

Unless otherwise agreed, the Parties shall bear their own expenses which arise in the course of implementing this Memorandum.

Article 9 Entry into force, modification and duration of the Memorandum

1. The present Memorandum shall be concluded for an indefinite period and shall come into force sixty (60) days after its signing by the Director of the Executive Committee of the SCO-RATS and the Secretary General of INTERPOL, subject to its approval by the Council of the SCO-RATS and by the General Assembly of INTERPOL.
2. The present Memorandum may be modified by mutual consent expressed in writing.
3. Either Party may terminate the present Memorandum by giving the other Party written notice of termination. Termination shall become effective thirty (30) days after the notification is delivered to the receiving Party.

In **WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the International Criminal Police Organization - INTERPOL and of the Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO-RATS), have signed the present Memorandum of Understanding.

Done on *6/11/2014* in *Monaco* in two original copies in the Chinese, English and Russian languages, the English text prevailing in case of divergence.

**For the international Criminal Police
Organization – INTERPOL**


**Ronald K. Noble
Secretary General**

**For the Executive Committee of the Regional
Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai
Cooperation Organization (SCO-RATS)**


**Zhang Xinfeng
Director of the Executive Committee**