

**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

**AND**

**THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION - INTERPOL**

**ON**

**PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES**

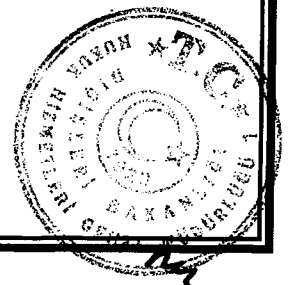
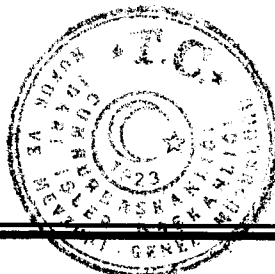
**FOR**

**THE 89TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION**

**AND**

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**TO BE HELD IN ISTANBUL IN 2021**



**The Government of the Republic of Turkey** (hereinafter referred to as the "Host Country"), and

**The International Criminal Police Organization – INTERPOL** (hereinafter referred to as "ICPO-INTERPOL" or the "Organization"),

In anticipation of the 89th General Assembly session and the Executive Committee meetings, which will be held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, in 2021,

**Considering** that ICPO-INTERPOL is an international organization governed by public international law whose aims, under the terms of its Constitution, are to ensure the promotion of 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, and to establish and develop all institutions likely to contribute effectively to the prevention and suppression of ordinary law crimes,

**Considering** that, under the terms of Article 3 of ICPO-INTERPOL's Constitution, it is strictly forbidden for the Organization to undertake any intervention or activities of a political, military, religious or racial character,

**Considering** that, under the terms of Article 31 of ICPO-INTERPOL's Constitution, the Organization needs the constant and active cooperation of its Members, who should do all within their power which is compatible with the legislations of their countries to participate diligently in its activities,

**Considering** also that, under the terms of Article 30 of ICPO-INTERPOL's Constitution, all Members of the Organization shall do their best to assist the Secretary General and the staff in the discharge of their functions,

**Convinced** that for international police cooperation to be carried out successfully, solid guarantees are required,

**Considering** that under international custom, guarantees are provided for international organizations governed by public international law,

**Considering** that on the territory of each of its member countries, the Organization must enjoy the guarantees it requires to carry out its mission for the benefit of all those countries,

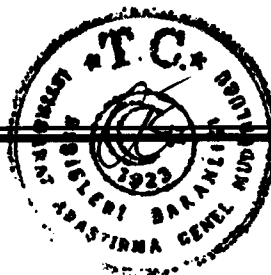
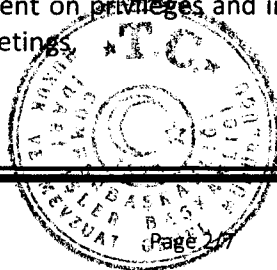
**Considering** also that the representatives of the member countries and the staff of the Organization's General Secretariat must enjoy the privileges and immunities they require to discharge their functions on behalf of the Organization with complete independence,

**Convinced** that granting such privileges and immunities will contribute to strengthening and developing international police cooperation,

**Bearing in mind** Article 3 of the ICPO-INTERPOL General Regulations which provides that any Member may, on behalf of its country, invite the General Assembly to meet on the territory of that country,

**Bearing in mind** Article 17 of the *Rules of procedure of the General Assembly* on the "Obligations incumbent upon countries hosting General Assembly sessions" and Article 4(5) of the *Rules concerning the organization of General Assembly sessions* which provides that the host country shall complete and execute a legally binding agreement on privileges and immunities for the General Assembly session and the Executive Committee meetings,

**Have agreed the following:**



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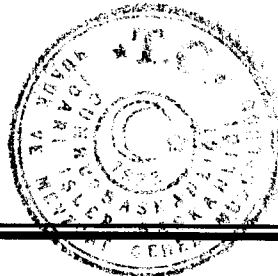
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## Article 1 Purpose of the Agreement

To enable the ICPO-INTERPOL to discharge the missions defined in its Constitution, and in particular to facilitate international police cooperation and the operation of the bodies listed in Article 5 thereof, the immunities and privileges defined in the present Agreement shall be granted to it on the territory of the Host Country, for the time required to organize, hold and complete the 89th General Assembly session and the Executive Committee meetings to be held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, in 2021, on dates to be confirmed subsequently by the parties in writing.

## Article 2 Entry into the Host Country territory

1. The competent government authorities of the Host Country shall allow to enter and leave their territory for the 89th General Assembly session and the Executive Committee meetings:
  - a) representatives of Member Countries attending the 89th General Assembly session and their delegations;
  - b) members of the Executive Committee of the ICPO-INTERPOL and their delegations;
  - c) members of the ICPO-INTERPOL General Secretariat staff;
  - d) members of the Commission for the Control of INTERPOL's Files and the persons carrying out official duties on its behalf;
  - e) interpreters and minute writers hired by the ICPO-INTERPOL General Secretariat;
  - f) the Organization's Advisers;
  - g) observers, experts and other persons who have been invited to attend the 89th General Assembly session and/or the Executive Committee meetings; and
  - h) accompanying family members and accompanying staff of the foregoing.
2. Any visas or entry or exit permits required for persons participating in the 89th General Assembly session and/or the Executive Committee meetings shall be issued free of charge and fees and without delay.



**Article 2 bis**  
**Additional guarantees related to public health and safety measures**

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1. The competent government authorities of the Host Country shall allow to enter and leave their territory for the 89th General Assembly session and/or the Executive Committee meetings, all participants listed in Article 2 above, and shall issue any visas or entry or exit permits that may be required by these participants, free or charge and without delay, notwithstanding any national law or other precautionary measures related to public health and safety, including but not limited to, any restrictions based on the:
  - a) traveler's country of departure or transit; or
  - b) the countries previously visited by the traveller.
2. All participants listed in Article 2 above shall be exempted from any form of quarantine measures under national law or that may otherwise be implemented by the competent government authorities of the Host Country to address any public health and safety concerns.
3. The Host Country shall keep the General Secretariat of the ICPO-INTERPOL informed of any other measure that may be necessary to address public health and safety concerns on its territory and shall hold prior consultations with the General Secretariat of the ICPO-INTERPOL whenever the implementation of such measure could have an impact on the 89th General Assembly session and/or the Executive Committee meetings or any of the participants listed in Article 2 above.

**Article 3**  
**Privileges and immunities of the Organization**

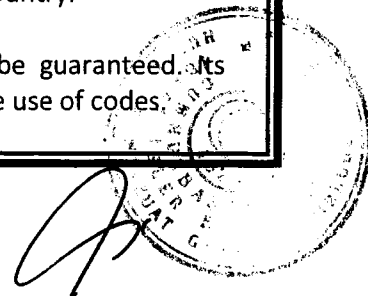
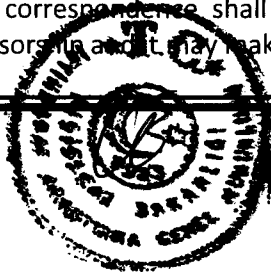
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1. The ICPO-INTERPOL shall enjoy immunity from legal process and from execution of legal process in civil, administrative and criminal matters.
2. On the decision of the Secretary General and at the motivated request of the competent authorities in the Host Country, it may expressly waive its immunity from legal process.

**Article 4**  
**Inviolability of archives and correspondence of the Organization**

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1. All documents belonging to the ICPO-INTERPOL or held by it in whatever form and, inter alia, its archives and accounts, shall be inviolable on the territory of the Host Country.
2. The inviolability of the ICPO-INTERPOL's official correspondence shall be guaranteed. Its official communications shall not be subject to censorship and it may make use of codes.



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## Article 5 Foreign exchange

The ICPO-INTERPOL may, without being subject to any financial controls, regulations or moratoria:

- a) receive and hold funds and foreign exchange of all kinds, and operate accounts in all currencies on the territory of the Host Country;
- b) freely transfer its funds and foreign exchange within the territory of the Host Country, and from its Headquarters or one of its Sub-Regional Bureaus to the Host Country and vice versa.

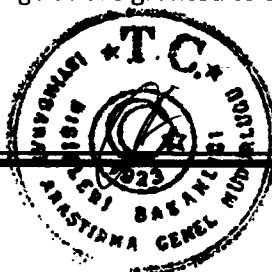
## Article 6 Exemption from customs duties and other taxes

Administrative, technical and scientific material provided by the ICPO-INTERPOL for the 89th General Assembly session and the Executive Committee meetings, as well as publications of the ICPO-INTERPOL and other official documents required for its work, the usual gifts presented by or to the Secretary General and officials of the Organization and promotional material of small value and limited quantity sold to participants during the 89th General Assembly session and the Executive Committee meetings shall be exempt from payment of customs duty, value added tax (VAT) and all other taxes. The ICPO-INTERPOL undertakes to re-export all such material, publications and gifts that remain unused or undistributed at the end of the 89th General Assembly session and the Executive Committee meetings.

## Article 7 Privileges and immunities of participants

The Host Country shall take appropriate measures to ensure that all participants listed in Article 2 above shall be granted the following privileges and immunities on the territory of the Host Country during the 89th General Assembly session and the Executive Committee meetings and during their journeys to and from the location where the meeting or session is being held:

- a) immunity from arrest, detention and seizure of personal baggage;
- b) immunity from legal process, even after the 89th General Assembly session and the Executive Committee meetings, for acts performed in the exercise of their functions;
- c) inviolability of all official papers and documents;
- d) the same facilities with regard to foreign exchange as are granted to diplomatic agents.



## Article 8 Diplomatic privileges

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In addition to the privileges and immunities granted by Article 7 above, the Secretary General, the members of the Executive Committee and the family members accompanying them shall be accorded the privileges, immunities, and facilities as are granted, in accordance with international law, to diplomatic agents.

## Article 9 Use of immunities

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The privileges and immunities provided for in Articles 7 and 8 of the present Agreement are granted to those concerned not for their personal benefit but in the interest of the smooth functioning of the institutions of the ICPO-INTERPOL. The ICPO-INTERPOL, in accordance with its regulations and rules, may and should waive such immunities whenever the latter would impede the course of justice and when the immunity can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization. Likewise, Member Countries may and should waive the immunities of their respective representatives whenever the latter would impede the course of justice and when the immunity can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.

## Article 10 Responsibility

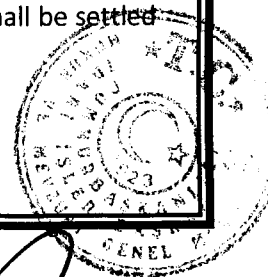
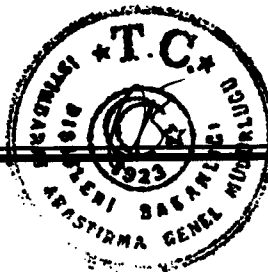
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1. The Host Country shall take appropriate measures to provide insurance cover for any damage caused to persons involved or participating in the work of the General Assembly and Executive Committee, as well as any damage caused unintentionally to premises or vehicles by participants at the 89th General Assembly session and/or the Executive Committee meetings.
2. The Host Country shall compensate the Organization, its personnel and the delegates for such actions, complaints or claims, and release it from any responsibility therefore.

## Article 11 Settlement of disputes

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Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of the present Agreement shall be settled between the parties by negotiations or by any other mutually agreed method.



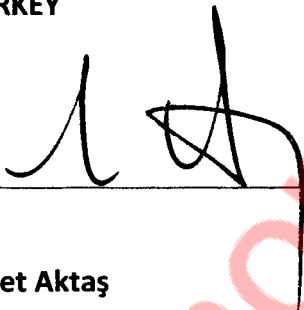
**Article 12**  
**Entry into force**

1. This Agreement shall be subject to the signature of both parties. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Organisation, through diplomatic channels, of the Host Country's written notification regarding the completion of all internal legal procedures required for entry into force of the concerned document.
2. This Agreement may be amended by the mutual written consent of the parties. Each amendment shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure prescribed under the first paragraph of this Article.

In witness thereof the undersigned, duly authorized to that effect, have concluded the present Agreement.

Done in two original copies in Turkish and two original copies in English. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF TURKEY**



**Mehmet Aktaş**

**Director General of the Turkish  
National Police**

Date: 18.01.2021

Place: ANKARA

**THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE  
ORGANIZATION-INTERPOL**



**Jürgen Stock**

**Secretary General**

Date: 22-02-2021

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