



## COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION (ICPO-INTERPOL) AND THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF JUSTICE OF IBERO-AMERICA COUNTRIES (COMJIB)

### Preamble

**The International Criminal Police Organization-INTERPOL** (hereinafter referred to as INTERPOL) represented by its Secretary General,

And

**The Conference of Ministers of Justice of Ibero-American Countries** (hereinafter referred to as COMJIB) represented by its Secretary-General,

Hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

**Recognizing** that, pursuant to Article 2 of its Constitution, INTERPOL aims at ensuring and promoting to ensure and promote 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,

**Recognizing** that **COMJIB** is an international organization composed of the Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American region that focuses on the cooperation and the promotion of public policies in the achievement of justice. On the other hand, the General Secretariat of COMJIB is also the General Secretariat of the Ibero-American Network of International Legal Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as IberRed) which is an operational network of judges, prosecutors, personal of the Ministries of Justice and central authorities of the twenty two countries that compose the Ibero-American region plus the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico which aim is to optimize international legal cooperation in criminal and civil cases,

**Considering** that Article 41 of INTERPOL's Constitution provides that the Organization shall establish relations and collaborate with other intergovernmental or non-governmental international organizations,



**Affirming** accordingly the desirability of establishing a framework for cooperation between INTERPOL and COMJIB-IberRed,

**Have agreed** on the following:

### **Article 1**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the present Agreement is to establish a framework for cooperation between the Parties, within their respective competencies and subject to their respective rules and regulations.

### **Article 2**

#### **CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

1. INTERPOL and COMJIB/IberRed agree to consult on matters of mutual interest with a view on providing each other assistance in the implementation of their respective mandates and on the optimum use of their resources and where appropriate, to coordinate activities to this end.
2. The Secretary General of INTERPOL and the Secretary General of COMJIB 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 3**

#### **EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

1. INTERPOL and COMJIB/IberRed agree to combine their efforts within their respective mandate and regulations to achieve the best use of all available information related to issues of common interest. To that end, and subject to the necessary limitations for the safeguarding of confidential material and information, they shall arrange for the exchange of information and documents of common interest.
2. To facilitate the exchange of information, INTERPOL's General Secretariat shall be granted access to the secure communication system Iber@ of IberRed with a view to providing its expertise to the participants of this network, exchanging and consulting on

