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**Netherlands  
and  
International Criminal Police Organization**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) concerning privileges and immunities for the INTERPOL liaison office at Europol in The Hague (with attachment). The Hague, 3 November 2009 and Lyon, 20 November 2009**

**Entry into force:** *provisionally on 25 November 2009 and definitively on 1 July 2010 by notification, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes*

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**Pays-Bas  
et  
Organisation internationale de police criminelle**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord entre le Royaume des Pays-Bas et l'Organisation internationale de police criminelle (INTERPOL) relatif aux privilèges et immunités du bureau de liaison d'INTERPOL à Europol à La Haye (avec pièce jointe). La Haye, 3 novembre 2009 et Lyon, 20 novembre 2009**

**Entrée en vigueur :** *provisoirement le 25 novembre 2009 et définitivement le 1<sup>er</sup> juillet 2010 par notification, conformément aux dispositions desdites notes*

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Hague, 3 November 2009

Treaties Division  
DJZ/VE-855/09

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the International Criminal Police Organization – INTERPOL (ICPO-INTERPOL) and has the honour to propose, with reference to the Co-operation Agreement between Interpol and the European Police Office of 5 November 2001 (hereinafter “the Agreement”), and in view of Article 41, paragraph 2 of the Convention based on Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on the establishment of a European Police Office (Europol Convention, 26 July 1995), that the privileges and immunities necessary for the proper performance of the tasks of the liaison officers at Europol referred to in Article 4 of the Agreement, be agreed upon as set out in the Attachment.

If this proposal is acceptable to ICPO-INTERPOL, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs proposes that this note and the affirmative note of the

Organization shall constitute an Agreement between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and ICPO-INTERPOL, which shall be applied provisionally from the day on which this affirmative note has been received by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and which shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date on which the Kingdom of the Netherlands and ICPO-INTERPOL have informed each other that the formalities required for the entry into force have been complied with.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to ICPO-INTERPOL the assurances of its highest consideration.

*International Criminal Police Organization – INTERPOL  
Lyon*

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## **Attachment**

### 1.

#### *Definitions*

In this Agreement:

- a) “Liaison officer” means: any official stationed at Europol in accordance with Article 4 of the Agreement;
- b) “Government” means the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- c) “Host State authorities” means such State, municipal or other authorities of the Kingdom of the Netherlands as may be appropriate in the context of and in accordance with the laws and customs applicable in the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- d) “Organization” means the International Criminal Police Organization – INTERPOL;
- e) “Archives of the liaison officer” means all records, correspondence, documents, manuscripts, computer and media data, photographs, films, video and sound recordings belonging to or held by the liaison officer, and any other similar material which in the unanimous opinion of the Organization and the Government forms part of the archives of the liaison officer.

### 2.

#### *Privileges and immunities*

1. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the liaison officer and members of his family who form part of his household and do not possess Dutch nationality, shall enjoy in and vis-à-vis the Kingdom of the

Netherlands the same privileges and immunities as are conferred on members of the diplomatic staff by the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961.

2. The immunity granted to persons mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article shall not extend to either:

- (i) civil action by a third party for damages, including personal injury or death, arising from a traffic accident caused by any such person; or
- (ii) criminal and civil jurisdiction over acts performed outside the course of their official duties.

3. The obligations of the Organization and its personnel that apply under the Vienna Convention to members of the diplomatic staff, shall apply to the persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

3.

#### *Entry, stay and departure*

1. The Government shall facilitate, if necessary, the entry, stay and departure of the liaison officer and members of his family forming part of the household.

2. This Article shall not prevent the requirement of reasonable evidence to establish that persons claiming the treatment provided for under this Article come within the classes described in paragraph 1 of this Article.

3. Visas which may be required by persons referred to in this Article shall be granted without charge and as promptly as possible.

4.

#### *Employment*

Members of the family forming part of the household of the liaison officer not having the nationality of an EU State, shall be exempt from the obligation to obtain working permits for the duration of the secondment of the liaison officer.

5.

#### *Inviolability of archives*

The archives of the liaison officer wherever located and by whomsoever held shall be inviolable.

6.

*Personal Protection*

The Host State authorities shall, if so requested by the Organization, take all reasonable steps in accordance with their national laws to ensure the necessary safety and protection of the liaison officer, as well as members of his family who form part of his household, whose security is endangered due to the performance of the tasks of the liaison officer at Europol.

7.

*Facilities and immunities in respect of communication*

1. The Government shall permit the liaison officer to communicate freely and without a need for special permission, for all official purposes, and shall protect the right of the liaison officer to do so. The liaison officer shall have the right to use codes and to dispatch and receive official correspondence and other official communications by courier or in sealed bags which shall be subject to the same privileges and immunities as diplomatic couriers and bags.

2. The liaison officer shall, as far as may be compatible with the International Telecommunications Convention of 6 November 1982, for his official communications enjoy treatment not less favourable than that accorded by the Kingdom of the Netherlands to any international organization or government, in the matter of priorities for communication by mail, cable, telegraph, telex, radio, television, telephone, fax, satellite, or other means.

8.

*Notification*

1. The Organization shall promptly notify the Government of the name of the liaison officer, his arrival and his final departure or the termination of his secondment as well as the arrival and final departure of the members of the family forming part of the household and, where appropriate, the fact that a person has ceased to form part of the household.

2. The Government shall issue to the liaison officer and members of his family forming part of the household, an identification card bearing the photograph of the holder. This card shall serve to identify the holder in relation to all Host State authorities.