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**INTERPOL'S CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IN RELATION TO THE  
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1. In 2005 and 2006, INTERPOL and the United Nations entered into two supplementary arrangements to the Co-operation Agreement dated 8 July 1997.
2. Co-operation with the United Nations Security Council Committee concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and Associated Individuals and Entities (the "1267 Committee") based on these two supplementary arrangements has expanded significantly over the years.
3. The creation of a unique INTERPOL-United Nations Security Council Special Notice ("Special Notice") by INTERPOL and the 1267 Committee was intended as a means to alert national police of certain individuals currently liable to sanctions under the UN, and promote awareness of their position on a United Nations Sanctions list. This has served as a useful tool for national police around the world, and an important weapon in the combating of terrorism on a global scale. As of 31 August 2010 a total of 361 Special Notices have been published.

### **A The 2009 Supplementary Arrangement between INTERPOL and the United Nations in relation to the United Nations Security Council Sanctions Committees**

4. In the spirit of this co-operation, in 2009 a supplementary arrangement was signed by the participating parties and adopted by the INTERPOL General Assembly. This arrangement has the goal of enhancing the relationship between INTERPOL and the 1267 Committee, and to eventually develop such a relationship with other Security Council Sanctions Committees also.
5. Accordingly it provides for:
  - the issuance of Special Notices at the request of United Nations Sanctions Committees other than the "1267 Committee";
  - direct access by United Department of Political Affairs at the request and on behalf of a given Committee, to INTERPOL's police information system.
6. Sanctions measures are often implemented under national law, including criminal law where applicable. By enlarging the areas of co-operation between INTERPOL and these Committees, the scale of information sharing would broaden, and thus have more effect, while simultaneously promoting the purpose of the Sanctions Committees worldwide.
7. By granting direct access to the Sanction Committees, the information sharing process would be streamlined, and enable the use of such resources with increased efficiency.

### **B The way ahead**

#### **a. Finalizing negotiations with the 1267 Committee**

8. The negotiation on the implementation of the co-operation agreement between INTERPOL and the 1267 Committee is in its final stages. Talks between INTERPOL and the competent United Nations Department of Political Affairs focused on the strengthening of the operational character (enriching Special Notices with additional information), improving the processing of Special Notices as well as enhancing INTERPOL's role regarding information research including risk assessment.

9. However, due to the introduction of a new system for the processing and accessing of information by the end of 2010, this negotiation process is time sensitive. There is therefore a need to resolve any potential difficulties that may arise with regard to the implementation of the 2009 Supplementary Arrangement prior to this date.

**b. Political and financial support**

10. The implementation of the 2009 Supplementary Arrangement for the 1267 Committee, and thus the expansion to other Committees, requires more than just consensus. The combating of international crime, and the targeting of those responsible, is in the interest not only of INTERPOL and the United Nations Security Council, but the Member States of both organizations. The benefits to be gained from increasing the level of co-operation between individual Committees and INTERPOL are therefore evident.
11. Nevertheless, the ability to implement this process demands sustained effort and continued support. Backing from imminent members of the global community is integral for the success of this initiative, both on a political and financial level. Firstly, sharing the financial burden of this endeavor between Member States will result in minimal cost individually for maximum benefit universally. INTERPOL has provided resources and personnel, but needs assistance. Secondly, enthusiasm and encouragement on a political level will give invaluable momentum to the project. This Committee, as well as the observer States and Organizations present, can be instrumental in the success of this venture by being proactive in their support.