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## **INTERPOL**

Interpol is a byname of International Criminal Police Organization. Interpol aims to promote the widest-possible mutual assistance between criminal police forces and to establish and develop institutions likely to contribute to the prevention and suppression of international crime. Headquartered in Lyon, France, it is the only police organization that spans the entire globe.

The role of Interpol is defined by the general provisions.

It is strictly forbidden for the Organization to undertake any intervention or activities of a political, military, religious or racial character.

Interpol concentrates on three broad categories of international criminal activity: terrorism and crimes against people and property, including crimes against children, trafficking in human beings, illegal immigration, automobile theft, and art theft; economic, financial, and computer crimes, including banking fraud, money laundering, corruption, and counterfeiting; and illegal drugs and criminal organizations, including organized crime. Interpol's day-to-day operation is managed by a General Secretariat under the direction of a Secretary-General, who is appointed for a five-year term by the General Assembly. The General Assembly, consisting of one delegate from each member country, is Interpol's supreme decision-making body. An Executive Committee consists of 13 members.

Interpol agents do not make arrests. Instead, the organization sends out "red notices", based on warrants issued by member countries, calling for the arrest and extradition of specific individuals. Interpol also issues other "coloured" notices: yellow to help locate missing persons, blue to collect information on illegal activities or on an individual's identity, black to request information needed to identify a body, green to warn agencies about criminals from one country who may commit additional offenses in other countries, and orange to warn law-enforcement agencies of dangers from bombs and other weapons.

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