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INTERPOL's Anti-Corruption Projects

INTERPOL is the world's largest international police organization, with 192 member countries. The mission of INTERPOL is preventing and fighting crime through enhanced cooperation and innovation on police and security matters. One of its priorities is fighting corruption.

Corruption is one of the biggest global issues of our time. It affects all regions of the world and all levels of society: corruption can undermine political, social and economic stability, and ultimately threaten the safety and security of society as a whole. Corruption creates favorable conditions for organized criminal activities, even terrorism, because offenders are assisted in their illicit activities by the complicity of corrupt public officials.

Economic globalization has made corruption a cross-border crime. Corrupt transactions can cross multiple jurisdictions, making the ensuing police investigation complicated and lengthy.

Nowadays, global coordination of actions is essential for the world's police. Due to this, INTERPOL has developed the following projects aiming exchange of information and cooperative law enforcement actions:

- International asset recovery: INTERPOL's secure global police communications network allows authorized users to exchange information and better coordinate their investigations.

- Operational support: INTERPOL can coordinate working meetings between member countries in order to facilitate investigations that cover more than one jurisdiction.

- Training: INTERPOL offers regional training workshops to investigators and prosecutors through the INTERPOL Global Program on Anti-Corruption, Financial Crimes and Asset Recovery.

The complexities of corruption require a cross-border response. INTERPOL works closely with a number of partners to fight corruption globally. Activities include promoting the exchange of information, establishing best practices and providing training to officers around the globe. The United Nations Convention against Corruption establishes an international framework for the fight against corruption and serves as a guide to many of INTERPOL's initiatives.

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