



PROTOCOL TO THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION-
INTERPOL**

AND

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON MISSING PERSONS (ICMP)

**REGARDING AN INTERPOL PERMANENT PLATFORM FOR DISASTER
VICTIM IDENTIFICATION (PDVI)**

PREAMBLE

The International Police Organization – INTERPOL on the one hand,

and

The International Commission on Missing Persons – ICMP on the other hand,

In the following collectively referred to as the “Parties” or individually as the “Party”,

Willing to elaborate on the Cooperation Agreement between INTERPOL and ICMP that was concluded in 2007 with a view to establishing a framework to facilitate closer co-operation in the field of Disaster Victim Identification (“DVI”),

Bearing in mind the INTERPOL General Assembly Resolution AG-2010-RES-07 on “Strengthening DVI capacities to assist with disaster response”, which tasked the INTERPOL General Secretariat to consult with member countries and with international and other organizations to seek solutions to ensuring continuing adequate preparedness to respond to DVI events in a focused and targeted manner, and propose improvements to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of DVI responses,

Confident that improving DVI preparedness and the efficiency and effectiveness of DVI responses can be realized through establishing a permanent technical cooperation platform, which would make use of the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation (“the IGCI”) in Singapore,

Further to the decision of the Secretary General of INTERPOL establishing the INTERPOL Permanent Platform for Disaster Victim Identification (the “PDVI”);

Considering the need for such a platform to benefit from the best available expertise by establishing appropriate worldwide partnerships,

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

Purpose

The purpose of this Protocol is to establish the modalities of cooperation between INTERPOL and ICMP to manage and operate the INTERPOL Permanent Platform for Disaster Victim Identification ("the PDVI").

Article 2

The INTERPOL Permanent Platform for Disaster Victim Identification

1. The PDVI shall improve global capacity to adequately respond to disasters that claim human lives. The PDVI shall in particular improve access to international assistance and technical support where required to safeguard the rights of disaster victims and survivors.
2. The PDVI shall be part of the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation ("the IGCI") in Singapore and shall be governed by INTERPOL'S regulations and policies.

Article 3

PDVI Partnerships

The PDVI shall fulfil its functions through partnerships integrating operational processes and methodologies that shall be attuned to internationally recognized standards of work, and especially to standards of work developed and applied by INTERPOL, and ICMP's significant contribution to the application of the forensic science of human identification and forensic genetics, to the development of which the PDVI will also contribute. The Parties, forming an initial partnership towards that end herewith, will invite the participation of others either jointly or as part of the Parties' respective contributions to the PDVI.

Article 4

The Parties' Contributions to the PDVI

1. Unless otherwise agreed, the Parties shall bear their own expenses arising in the course of the implementation of this Protocol.
2. The Parties agree to jointly seek funding for additional activities they wish to undertake within the PDVI.

Article 5

Provisions of DVI Assistance

1. The Parties shall make the necessary arrangements to be able to propose and provide DVI assistance whenever deemed appropriate, within the limits of the resources available. To that end, INTERPOL shall notably maintain adequate disaster monitoring as well as lines of communication with National Central Bureaus (NCBs) and Disaster Victim Bureaus.
2. Whenever feasible, provision of initial assistance may include the sending of an assessment mission to disaster locations including representative of the Parties.
3. DVI assistance shall be delivered on the basis of agreements between the Parties on the one hand and disaster affected countries on the other. The terms of these agreements shall be agreed upon between the Parties and the disaster affected countries, and shall take into account this Protocol, the Parties' respective regulations and policies, and generally accepted legal principles.
4. The parties will seek to maintain standing levels of preparedness as agreed between them to respond to DVI events.
5. ICMP's contribution to the PDVI shall be subject to ICMP's regulations and policies, notwithstanding other provisions of this Protocol.

Article 6

Responsibilities of the Parties in DVI events

1. The Parties will represent the PDVI jointly and severally in DVI events. The Parties will represent the PDVI in DVI events to which they respond severally as follows:
 - a) ICMP shall provide expertise in the forensic science of human identification and victim recovery, and shall perform DNA analysis and associated processes, including genetic data processing and protection, biological sampling and ensuring delivery of best-practice.
 - b) INTERPOL shall be responsible for infrastructure requirements and deployment logistics generally, as well as delivery of best-practice in the fields of dactyloscopy and odontology, as promulgated, inter alia, by specialized working groups of the INTERPOL Steering Group on DVI.
2. INTERPOL together with domestic authorities should oversee the constitution of adequate reconciliation procedures with a view primarily to ensuring respect for victims' and survivors' rights and safeguarding the integrity of the DVI response.

Article 7

Processing of Data

1. When participating in activities foreseen under Article 6 above, either jointly or severally, each Party shall apply its own regulations with regard to the data that it may process on that occasion.
2. Data provided by one Party to the other shall be subject to the regulations of the providing Party. Data provided by INTERPOL shall in particular be subject to INTERPOL's Rules on the Processing of Data.

Article 8

Concluding Provisions

1. The Parties ensure that agreements they conclude jointly or severally with third parties regarding DVI assistance will not affect the implementation of this Protocol.
2. This Protocol may be modified by mutual consent expressed in writing. It may also be revoked by either Party by giving six months' notice.
3. In case of divergence between this Protocol and the Cooperation Agreement which the Parties concluded in 2007, the latter shall prevail.
4. This Protocol shall enter into effect upon the day of its signature by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

**For the International Criminal Police
Organization – INTERPOL**



Ronald K. Noble
Secretary General

on 21 August 2014 (date)

in Lyon (place)

**For the International Commission on
Missing Persons – ICMP**



Kathyne Bomberger
Director General

on 28 August (date)

in Switzerland (place)