



**JOINT INITIATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERPOL
AND THE DIRECTOR OF EUROPOL
ON COMBATING THE COUNTERFEITING OF CURRENCY,
IN PARTICULAR THE EURO**

The Secretary General of Interpol and the Director of Europol;

Considering that they share a joint determination to combat the threat posed by the counterfeiting of currency;

Desiring to provide a service to the competent national authorities of the European Union Member States and of Interpol's Member States in this area;

Recognising the responsibility of Interpol as the international central office for the suppression of counterfeit currency;

Recognising the responsibility of Europol as the central office for the European Union for the suppression of counterfeit Euro currency;

Considering that it is in their common interest to enhance their co-operation in this respect and to establish the respective roles of each organisation, within the framework of the Co-operation Agreement between Europol and Interpol concluded on 5 November 2001;

Having regard to Article 3 (1) of that Agreement;

Have decided on the following joint initiative:

Article 1

Points of Contact

The Director of Europol and the Secretary General of Interpol shall designate points of contact in order to facilitate the most efficient co-operation between the two competent branches of both organisations, presently called the Forgery of Money Group (Europol) and 'Counterfeits & Security Documents' Branch (Interpol).

Article 2

Exchange of Information

Within the framework for the exchange of information as laid down in the Co-operation Agreement between Interpol and Europol, the following arrangements have been agreed upon:

1. Europol will focus in particular on collating counterfeit currency information from the European Union Member States, Interpol will focus in particular on collating counterfeit currency information from its Member States outside of the European Union.
2. Europol shall forward counterfeit currency information, in as far as it is included in the Europol Information System, to the Interpol General Secretariat. This will include records of counterfeit seizures, technical descriptions of counterfeit classes, and information on the persons involved. Information not included in the Europol Information System may be provided as well, on a case by case basis.
3. Interpol shall forward all counterfeit currency information to Europol where it relates to the Euro, or where it is of particular interest to one or more Member States of the European Union. This will include records of counterfeit seizures, technical descriptions of counterfeit classes, and information on the persons involved.
4. In addition, Europol and Interpol will forward to each other Early Warning Messages and analytical studies concerning the discovery, circulation, criminal trends and productions of counterfeit Euro currency.
5. Europol shall respond to requests from Interpol to search Europol databases for counterfeit currency related information. Interpol shall respond to requests from Europol to search Interpol's databases for counterfeit currency related information.

Article 3

Requests for Assistance

Where Interpol receives a request for law enforcement support or technical resources, relating to counterfeit Euro, other than the provision of information, this request will be forwarded to Europol.

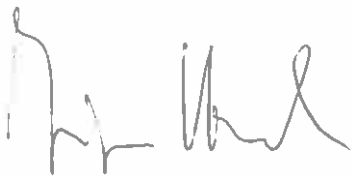
Article 4

Co-ordination

1. Europol and Interpol shall co-ordinate their efforts in providing training, organising conferences and congresses, for their member states relating to the counterfeiting of the Euro.
2. Europol and Interpol shall co-ordinate public relation efforts related to the counterfeiting of currency to ensure advance notification on information to be released.

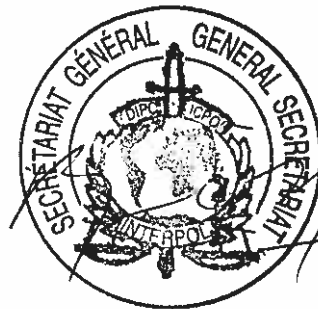
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