# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

# AS MENTIONED IN ARTICLE 4 (1)

OF THE

**AGREEMENT** 

BETWEEN INTERPOL AND EUROPOL

# The Director of EUROPOL and the Secretary General of INTERPOL

Considering the Co-operation Agreement between both Organizations signed on the fifth of November 2001, hereinafter called the Agreement;

Having regard to article 4 of the Agreement;

Have agreed to amend the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the tasks, rights and obligations as well as details regarding their co-operation through Liaison Officers, signed on 16 May 2003:

#### **ARTICLE 1**

# Consultation on appointment

Both Parties will consult with each other before taking a final decision on the selection and appointment of a Liaison Officer to the other Party.

#### **ARTICLE 2**

# Status of Liaison Officer

The Liaison Officer shall be regarded as the official representative of the sending Organization. Each Party shall in particular co-operate with the appropriate authorities in the relevant matters of privileges and immunities, as far as necessary.

#### **ARTICLE 3**

#### Tasks of the Liaison Officer

- It shall be the task of the Liaison Officer to support and co-ordinate the practical cooperation between INTERPOL and EUROPOL. In particular, the Liaison Officer
  shall be responsible for supporting contacts between INTERPOL and EUROPOL and
  facilitating the practical exchange of information.
- 2. The Liaison Officer shall keep the contact person of the receiving Party designated in accordance with Article 4 below fully apprised of all of his or her liaison work concerning the receiving Party.

# **ARTICLE 4**

#### Working methods

- 1. Each Party shall appoint an initial point of contact for the Liaison Officer. When exchanging information, the Liaison Officer shall normally communicate through this point of contact.
- 2. Any exchange of information shall only take place in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement and any other arrangements in place between Parties.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

# Confidentiality

- 1. Both Parties shall ensure that the Liaison Officer has an appropriate level of security clearance for the Liaison Officer to be able to handle information supplied by or through EUROPOL or INTERPOL, which is subject to a particular requirement of confidentiality, in accordance with Article 11 of the Agreement.
- 2. Both Parties shall assist the Liaison Officer in providing for adequate material to fulfill any requirements relating to the protection of the confidentiality of information.

# **ARTICLE 6**

#### **Administrative Issues**

- 1. The Liaison Officer's permanent duty station shall in principle be the receiving Party premises.
- 2. When present at the premises of the receiving Party, the Liaison Officer shall comply with the rules and regulations of that Party, without prejudice to his or her obligations resulting from regulations of the sending Party.
- 3. In performing his or her duties, the Liaison Officer shall be subject to his or her own data protection regime and may not violate the data protection regime of the owner of the data.
- 4. The Liaison Officer shall keep the receiving Party informed of his or her availability and contact details in cases of emergency.
- 5. The implementation of this Article shall be reviewed from time to time after the entry into force of the Memorandum of Understanding in order to find ways to further improve mutual co-operation.

#### ARTICLE 7

# Liability .

- 1. The sending Party shall be liable for any damages caused by the Liaison Officer to the property of the receiving Party. The sending Party, on the basis of a duly substantiated request by the receiving Party, will promptly repay any such damages. In case of disagreement concerning a repayment, Article 13 of the Agreement may be followed.
- 2. Either Party is entitled to request the replacement of the Liaison Officer at any time and to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at any time.

# **ARTICLE 8**

# Entry into force

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the first day following its signature and will replace the MOU dated 16 May 2003.

Done in two copies in the English language.

For INTERPOL

Ronald K. Noble Secretary General

Date: -----

For EUROPOI

Max-Peter Ratzel

Director

Date: W.