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Session 3: Bridging the gap on performance

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**Statement by INTERPOL**

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Your Excellences, dear colleagues,

On behalf of INTERPOL, I am pleased to address you today at this important event.

UNCOPS presents us with the opportunity to come together and renew our collective resolve to ensure international peace and security.

As today's most pressing security challenges are not confined by borders, international cooperation is needed now, more than ever, to build a safer world for all our citizens.

As a Permanent Observer to the United Nations, INTERPOL, through its Office of the Special Representative of INTERPOL to the UN based in New York and in Vienna, work to enhance our partnerships with UN entities and specialized agencies, including the United Nations Police Division.

These partnerships are enshrined in the 1997 United Nations Resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and INTERPOL, as well as in more than 100 additional UN General Assembly and Security Council Resolutions.

In the Supplementary Agreement on INTERPOL's cooperation with the United Nations Department of Peace Operations, we jointly recognized the importance of working together to support national police and other law enforcement agencies in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

Indeed, with a view to further strengthening the coherence between our two organizations, within our respective mandates, the United Nations and INTERPOL have coordinated with one another on several initiatives.

As a key example, adopted by our 195 member countries in 2017, the INTERPOL Global Policing Goals were developed to align with the Sustainable Development Goals and to address a range of cross-cutting issues related to security and development.

Consistent with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the principle of neutrality, these seven goals provide a roadmap for law enforcement to focus and coordinate their efforts towards achieving the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We therefore encourage the law enforcement community to continue to draw upon these Global Policing Goals in their efforts to improve performance, coordination and accountability.

INTERPOL also works closely with the UN in addressing the diverse needs of our membership through various capacity building and training programmes.

For example, we have worked with UN Police, specifically the Serious and Organized Crimes Unit, with their Transnational Threats Project.

This initiative deals with the revitalization of technical infrastructure and assistance on the use of INTERPOL's tools and capabilities, such as our I-24/7 secure global communications system, our 19 databases and our color-coded notices and diffusions, in peacekeeping missions.

To further assist in bridging the performance gap, INTERPOL has also provided UN Police with access to our INTERPOL Virtual Academy, which offers training courses on a broad range of police topics.

Excellences, dear colleagues,

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to UNCOPS and to participate in many of this week's fruitful discussions on how we can continue to work together and bolster the efforts of the UN Police.

Thank you.