

## Lecture 1

### Outline

General Introduction to INTERPOL: History, Constitution and Legal Status, Structure, Role and Missions

Summary: This lecture will introduce INTERPOL as the international intergovernmental organization responsible for global police co-operation. Created in 1923 under the name of International Criminal Police Commission, INTERPOL considerably reviewed its status in 1956 to become the International Criminal Police Organization. In 2008, INTERPOL has 186 member countries and implement operational police co-operation tools.

Related documents: Constitution and General Regulations, Headquarters Agreements, Activity Reports

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