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# AMERIPOL



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INTRODUCTION







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The Organisms of the Police find the necessity to advance in the creation of a police cooperation mechanism, intended to unite efforts, in order to strengthen the technical-scientific assistance, training and teaching methods, the exchange of information for the prevention, and neutralization, of organized crime, in general, which affects the common interests of the region.

In this sense, and keeping in mind the regional priority, the Directors, Chiefs, Commanders or Commissioners of the Police of America, reunited in Bogotá D.C., Colombia, from the 12 to the 15 of November 2007:

-  Conscience where the Police Organisms and homogeneous institutions have, as a goal and objective, the guarantee of the necessary conditions for the exercise of rights and public liberties, in order to achieve a peaceful living environment,
-  Identifying the importance of integrating permanent efforts, through the cooperation of police throughout America,
-  Recognize the challenges and worries the Police Organisms face everyday against the ever changing, and complex, dynamics of organized crime in general,
-  And with basis on these general principles of the institution, the bilateral and multilateral agreements, and all other valid international norms, and with strict respect for each country, have convened the following:

**Article 1**

**NATURE AND ENVIRONMENT OF APPLICATION**

The Police Organisms and/or homogeneous institutions of America, agree, in this Statute, on the creation, organization and functioning of the Community of Police of America “AMERIPOL”, as the first general police mechanism to be made up of a categorical, effective, practical and permanent system of cooperation, in technical-scientific assistance, intelligence and investigation for the strengthening of training and teaching of police philosophies, and the prevention and neutralization of transnational organized crimes.



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The reach of the Community of Police of America “AMERIPOL” will be found in the following span of action:

1. Technical and scientific cooperation Unit
2. Exchange of information and intelligence against organized crime Unit.
3. Support of criminal investigation and judicial assistance in the fight against organized crime Unit.
4. Training and teaching Unit.

In the same way, “AMERIPOL” is formed as an organism of consultation, and regional support, facing other Police communities in the world.

The span of action previously defined has as its fundamental nature the compliance of obligations and police duties, towards the neutralization of transnational organized crime that affects the common interests of the region, through the creation of an integrated, effective and permanent mechanism that permits, in real time, the technical-scientific assistance, actions, prevention and neutralization of crime.

**Article 2**

**PRINCIPLES**

1. The police cooperation, in defined terms, in the present Statute, will be outlined, as well as the general principles of law, and the basic principles of international law, in the teachings and international jurisprudence, the Treaties and other sources of international law, besides the Recommendations, Resolutions and Declarations of international organism, especially the UN and the OEA.
2. Specifically, the cooperation, integration, confidentiality and the reserve and respect for internal norms are the basic fundamentals used in order to guarantee the purposes of the present Statute.



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**Article 3**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of AMERIPOL is to promote and fortify police cooperation in technical-scientific material, training, making the exchange of information for intelligence purposes more effective, coordinating sustained actions of criminal investigation and judicial assistance between the Police force and/or homogeneous institutions of America, to be translated into teachings and police-philosophy, and in the prevention and neutralization of crime.

**Article 4**

**ORGANISMS**

With the purpose of guaranteeing the permanent character of AMERIPOL, and assuring the effectiveness and compliance of the mandate established in the present Statute, the Police organisms and/or homogeneous institutions of America, will be made up of the following organisms:

- a) Board of Directors, Commanders, Chiefs and Commissioners of the Police organisms and/or homogeneous institutions of America.
- b) Presidency
- c) Executive Secretary
- d) Coordination Units
- e) National Units

**Article 5**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CHIEFS, COMMANDERS AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
POLICE ORGANISMS AND/OR HOMOGENEOUS INSTITUTIONS OF AMERICA**

1. The maximum instance of definition, conservation and evaluation of the purposes established within the AMERIPOL mandate.
2. In charge of emitting the orders of the different environments of police cooperation, which are instructed by the Executive Secretary and the Coordination Units.



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3. Made up of the Directors, Chiefs, Commanders and Commissioners, or their equivalent police members of AMERIPOL.
4. Reunites in an ordinary manner once a year, in the country where the Presidency is located, and in an extraordinary manner every time the President convokes it.
5. Decisions will be adopted by a majority vote of the assisting members, or their representatives.
6. Elects the Presidency.
7. Elects or reelects the Executive Secretary

**Article 6**

**PRESIDENCY**

The president of AMERIPOL is the maximum instance of voice and representation in this mechanism of cooperation, elected in the Board of Directors, Chiefs, Commanders and Commissioners of the Police Organisms and/or homogeneous institutions of America, for a period of two years.

**Article 7**

**TASKS OF THE PRESIDENCY**

1. Lead, coordinate and evaluate, with the support of the Executive Secretary, the processes, agreements, understandings and advances in police cooperation, among its members.
2. Assist to meetings where they are invited, or in defect, delegate the Executive Secretary as its representative.
3. Convoke, organize and preside over the Board of Directors in their country.



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4. Direct and approve the projects and proposals that the member countries present, through the Executive Secretary.
5. Approve and present, in coordination with the Executive Secretary, the Annual Activity Balance, during the development of the Board of Directors.
6. The Board of Directors, Chiefs, Commanders and Commissioners may convoke meetings, in extraordinary cases, depending on the necessity and requirements of the member countries.
7. Those assisting, as delegates, will have the full faculties assigned by the head member of AMERIPOL.

**Article 8**

**ELECTION**

The President will be elected among the running candidates, through a voting system of the member countries. The election will be determined by a majority vote, thus approval from the Board of Directors is requested.

**Article 9**

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

They are the permanent executive organism in AMERIPOL, located in Bogota (Colombia), until 2010, with the National Colombian Police in charge, who will assume the role of Executive Secretary for this period.

After 2010, the Executive Secretary will be elected for periods of three years, except when their exit coincides with that of the President. In this case, their service period will be of four years.

The Executive Secretary will have the following coordination units for its operation:

- a) Technical-Scientific Coordination Unit
- b) Intelligence Coordination Units



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- c) Investigation and Judicial Assistance Coordination Units
- d) Training and Teaching Unit

**Article 10**

**FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

1. Leads, articulates and fulfills the tasks assigned to the Technical-Scientific Coordination, Intelligence, Criminal Investigation and Judicial Assistance and Training and Teaching Units.
2. Articulates and coordinates police cooperation between the member countries of America, through the National Units.
3. Present decision proposals to the Presidency, as well as initiatives and suggestions for police cooperation, or of administrative character, submitted by the member countries.
4. Promote and conduct follow ups with the fulfillment of commitments acquired by the members of the Board of Directors.
5. Maintains permanent communication with the National Units of the member countries.
6. Maintains communication with other regional organizations of integration and cooperation. Also, with other security organisms.
7. Help the exchange of information, through communication mechanisms, established by the members of the LACCPI.



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8. Construct the agenda to be followed in the Board of Directors and/or extraordinary sessions.
9. Channel consultations and suggestions from the National Units to the member countries, as well as the adhesion requests of new members to the present Statute, presenting them to the Presidency and members of AMERIPOL at opportune times.
10. Serve as the person in charge of notes where manifestations are presented of desires to belong to AMERIPOL.
11. Administer the AMERIPOL WEBSITE, once it is created, where information of interest, special documents, and any other information considered important for the member countries, will be posted. This instrument will be established in a virtual interaction level, permanent in real time between the countries.
12. Coordinate, with the Presidency, the presentation of the Balance of Activity of exchange of annual information at the LACCPI summit.
13. Provide a general directory of the National Units.
14. Replace the President in case they cannot continue carrying out their position due to greater reasons. The President's replacement will be carried out until a new President is elected.
15. Convoke, at least once a year, with prior consult and approval with the Presidency of AMERIPOL, the Annual Work Tables (AWT) for each unit of coordination, separately, and to which the delegates from each National Unit will assist, in the ambience of action that corresponds to each unit of coordination.



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Article 11

**COORDINATION UNITS**

The Coordination units of the executive Secretary of AMERIPOL will be founded on the pillars of leadership, articulation and dynamics of cooperation between the Police Organisms and institutions that make up AMERIPOL.

The Coordination Units will be the organisms that execute the tasks or commitments formulated in the Board of Directors. For the fulfillment of these objectives, the Coordination Units will be connected, in a permanent manner, with the specialized institutions of each one of the countries that make up the National Units, in the ambiances of technical-scientific coordination, intelligence, criminal investigation and judicial assistance and training and teaching.

The Coordination Units defined by AMERIPOL are as following:

1. Technical-Scientific Coordination Unit
2. Intelligence Coordination Units
3. Investigation and Judicial Assistance Coordination Units
4. Training and Teaching Unit

Article 12

**COORDINATION FOR THE TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION UNIT**

This unit is in charge of promoting and coordinating the development of investigational projects, transfers of technology, exchanges of knowledge and technical and scientific experiences of the Police Organisms of America.

Article 13

**INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION UNIT**

The Intelligence Coordination Unit of AMERIPOL will be created using the already existing platform of the Latin American and Caribbean Community of Police Intelligence “LACCPI”, which after putting into order the present Statute, will be founded in the Intelligence Coordination Unit of AMERIPOL.



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Article 14

FUNCTIONS

1. Maintain permanent and direct communication with the National Units, on subject matter such as cooperation in operational and strategy intelligence.
2. Make operational analysis for support for new courses of action and compose strategic documents that guide decision making, directed towards the fulfillment of the purposes.
3. Analyze and emit recommendations on processes and statistics that permit the prevention of different phenomenon, generated by criminality.
4. Project evaluation reports on new threats to the continent in regards to transnational crimes projected towards an immediate future.

The statute that gave origin to the LACCPI will become the principal organism to fulfill the AMERIPOL mandate, in situations related to the exchange of operational and strategic intelligence information.

Article 15


**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE COORDINATION UNIT**


The reciprocal judicial assistance is carried out in conformity with laws, treaties, agreements and conjoint declarations of the Parties, in regards to investigations, processes and judicial actions related to the transnational crimes and the organizations or people involved.

Article 16

FUNCTIONS

1. Coordinate the reciprocal judicial assistance in regards to investigations, processes and judicial actions related to transnational crimes, especially:

 Illegal trafficking of hallucinogenic substances










 Illegal trafficking of human beings



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-  Dealing of people
  -  Robbery and theft of vehicles
  -  Falsification of money
  -  Laundering money
  -  Illegal trafficking of radioactive and nuclear materials
  -  Illegal trafficking of weapons, ammunition and explosives
  -  Computer crimes
  -  Terrorism
  -  New threats associated with economical, social, health and environmental aspects
2. Maintain permanent and direct communication with the National Units in pertinent judicial subjects.
  3. Carry out the exchange of information on probation material elements, or physical evidence referred to penal investigations. As well as on valid arrest warrants.
  4. Strengthen the exchange of experiences and methods of criminal investigation.
  5. Promote collaboration among the police authorities in order to locate witnesses, practice of interviews and other related actions.
  6. Fulfillment of diplomatic processes will be taken into consideration in cases that require such actions.
  7. Judicial assistance does not get carried out in a case where a member considers that its realization could threaten their sovereignty, or affect the internal fulfillment of norms in their country.



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The members of AMERIPOL will consider the possibility of celebrating agreements or bilateral/multilateral understandings related to investigations, processes or judicial actions in one or more countries. Any of the members can propose the implementation of mixed investigation organisms, who will keep in mind the respect for sovereignty.

**Article 17**

**TRAINING AND TEACHING UNIT**

The dependency responsible for promoting, carrying out and updating training programs, through courses, seminars, conferences and specializations, that lead to the formation and education of multipliers, and to the strengthening of the teachings and the police knowledge. It will also lead the development of agreements with academic and investigational institutions, and will impulse investigation projects with multilateral organisms.




In order to strengthen, articulate, fasten and consolidate the hemispheric efforts the permit the capitalization of synergies, in potential material of knowledge, in the struggle against organized crime and connected felonies, it is important to generate mechanisms that permit the contribution of an effective implementation and function of AMERIPOL; consequently, it is extremely important that, by means of programs and similar experiences, the objectives of the present Statute are fulfilled, such as:

-  ACRSADI (Andean Community Regional School of Antidrug Intelligence)
-  IALC (International Academy of Law Compliance)
-  Other similar programs that contribute to implementing and putting in march the AMERIPOL function.

**Article 18**

**NATIONAL UNITS**

The permanent dependency that each member of AMERIPOL establishes, to execute the agreements and compromises. Each country will have four national units assembled in the following matter:


-  National Technical-Scientific Police Cooperation Unit
-  National Intelligence Unit
-  National Criminal investigation and Judicial Support Unit







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 Training and Teaching Unit

1. Permanent and direct contact between all of the members of the Coordination Units of the Executive Secretary.
2. Human, technical and logistic resources for the optimum fulfillment of the objectives.
3. Articulates to the interior of each country the answer to the requirements and activities derived from the agreements and objectives.
4. In charge of centralizing information and processes of cooperation in the following four environments:
  -  Technical-Scientific Police Cooperation
  -  Intelligence Cooperation
  -  Criminal Investigation and Judicial Support Cooperation
  -  Training and teaching Cooperation
5. The National Units will have a Point of Contact which will be a safe and direct communication route between all of the AMERIPOL organisms.

**Article 19**

**LIAISON OFFICIALS**

The member countries will be able to designate permanent or temporary Liaison Officials to stand before the Executive Secretary of AMERIPOL, with the following minimum requirements:

1. Be a competent official of the Police institution that sends them.
2. Reunite the required conditions and the capacity and necessary aptitudes for their labor.



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3. Collaborate actively among the representatives from each country, in the exchange of information, and lend the support and necessary collaborations.

Each country will be responsible for financing the Liaison Official's stay in the coordination units, in the base country of AMERIPOL, assigned to the Executive Secretary in Bogota, D.C. (Colombia).

**Article 20**

**MEMBERS**

Members of AMERIPOL may be all police institutions of a national character in America, who manifest their will to be a part of it, in the Board of Director's mark, or through the Executive Secretary or Presidency.

They must be accepted by half plus one of the total number of members of the Community, where the Executive Secretary will consider the request. In case of no negative reply, the approval of the new member will be adopted.

When one of the members voluntarily decides to not continue their membership in AMERIPOL, they shall officially communicate this to the Presidency, through the Executive Secretary.

In countries where different police organisms exist (2 or more), the institution assisting the first meeting of AMERIPOL will lead the coordination of the National Unit in their country, as a founding member.

**Article 21**

**OBSERVANT ORGANISMS**

Observant members may be the State, multilateral organizations or any other organization that takes their request before the Board and receives their approval.

**Article 22**

**VARIOUS DISPOSITIONS**





1. AMERIPOL will develop their own information system, in conformity with the legal and security standards, directly supported by the National Units, to which the contact agents, the President and the General Secretary will also have access



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2. Any member may suggest that the President convoke an extraordinary meeting, through the Executive Secretary.
3. AMERIPOL observes the dispositions and norms that regulate the international police relations, keeping in mind the statutes, rules and dispositions contained in the different valid agreements and treaties.
4. The liaison officials, as well as the National Units, will be subject to the national legal dispositions on protection of data and reserves in the administration of information.
5. In the III Reunion of Police Directors, the design and implementation of a web site is proposed, that which will be managed by the Executive Secretary, and will be updated with the voluntary additions of the members of AMERIPOL, on subjects of common interest.
6. In agreement with the international norms, a felony is of transnational character when:
  -  It is committed in more than one Country.
  -  It is committed in one State, but a substantial part of its preparation, planning, direction or control was done in another Country.
  -  It is committed in one Country, but involves the collaboration of an organized criminal group that sustains criminal activities in more than one Country.
  -  It is committed in one Country, but has substantial effects on another.
7. The previously depicted in the present Statute does not allow any member to practice, in another countries' territory, jurisdiction or tasks that the internal law of that country reserves exclusively for their authorities.
8. AMERIPOL, as a unique mechanism in its genre in America, in police cooperation, projects itself towards the consolidation of a system with its own establishment, which has representatives in member countries, and consolidates itself as an integration tool, in real physical time, between the police institutions of America.



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Article 23

**FINANCING**

In order for the financial economic aspects of AMERIPOL to function, it will count on the financial contributions of the member countries, resources coming from support, cooperation and technical assistance from the Bilateral and Multilateral Organizations.

Article 24

**ADOPTION OF THE TEXT**

The adoption of the text will take place with the consent of the majority of members assisting the III Meeting of Directors, Commanders, Chiefs and Commissioners of the Police of America, taking place in the city of Bogotá D.C., Colombia, on November 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

The present Statute has been signed and approved in the Spanish language for the member countries depicted below, and official translations will be done in French, English and Portuguese. The final date for the adoption of the present Statute will be set within three months, for countries that do not do it on the approval date, in order to formalize it before the executive Secretary.

Article 25

**ADHESION, ENTRANCE IN VIGOR AND VALIDITY**

The present Statute enters in vigor after the approval date, and signing of the members, leaving each country ratified in conformity with their constitutional law, thus leaving the option of posterior adhesion of the Police Organisms and/or their homogeneous institutions, open.

Given in Bogotá, D.C. on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

<b>ARGENTINA</b> National Gendarme Argentina	<b>BOLIVIA</b> The Director Human Resources State Police
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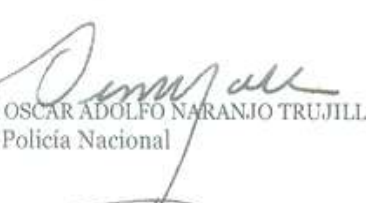
  
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