State of Israel

Ministry of National Security

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Distinguished Colleagues,

In September 2026, my office received a formal request to approve the participation of professional representatives of the Israel Police in the upcoming INTERPOL General Assembly, scheduled to take place from November 30 to December 3, 2026. The request was submitted to the Ministry of National Security, which holds ministerial oversight and responsibility over the Israel Police.

The Police Commissioner requested to attend the Assembly as Head of the Israeli Delegation. In my capacity as Minister of National Security, I approved the participation of the professional police delegation; however, I did not authorize the Commissioner's participation specifically.

Furthermore, attaching great importance to the work of the INTERPOL General Assembly, I authorized the dispatch of the professional representatives—in accordance with established practice in previous years. INTERPOL's binding regulations mandate approval from the relevant Minister for the appointment and accreditation of an official national delegation.

Accordingly, I wish to formally notify you that the Commissioner's attendance at the INTERPOL General Assembly is without the consent or endorsement of the political echelon in Israel, and that he does not represent the State of Israel at this conference.

Please be assured that the State of Israel holds INTERPOL in the highest esteem and attaches great significance to the participation of the remaining members of our professional delegation in the General Assembly, so that Israel's official voice is duly represented. The contents of this communication have been coordinated with the relevant official authorities of the State of Israel.

Best Regards,

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