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Opening speech

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Mr Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia,
Governor of Bali,
Honourable Ministers,
INTERPOL Secretary General,
Director General of the National Police of Indonesia,
Members of INTERPOL Executive Committee,
Chiefs of Police, heads of delegation, Heads of National Central Bureau, and delegates of INTERPOL member countries,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of INTERPOL, I am privileged to express our most sincere gratitude to the authorities of the Republic of Indonesia for hosting this 85th session of the General Assembly.

I wish to thank the Vice President of Indonesia, His Excellency Muhammad Jusuf Kalla, for granting us the honour of his presence at this opening ceremony, thereby testifying at the highest level to Indonesia's strong commitment and ongoing and steadfast support for the global police community.

I would also like to extend my most sincere thanks to the Governor of Bali, His Excellency I Made Mangku Pastika, for the exceptional arrangements that have been made to enable our General Assembly to be hosted in Bali, an island whose hospitality is legendary.

The Indonesian authorities' involvement in organizing this gathering has been exemplary, as is the country's indispensable contribution to the security of the region and beyond, especially through the national police led by its Chief, General Tito Karnavian.

I welcome the INTERPOL Secretary General, Mr Jürgen Stock, who knows he can rely on the support of the Executive Committee and its members who are here with us today, throughout the important stages of the Organization's development.

Our General Assembly is taking place in a context of rapid and constant change, marked by a multitude of threats that challenge the security of our countries. Terrorism is at the forefront of these threats, and has brutally struck again in various parts of the world. These are trying times for our countries and our fellow citizens, but I would like to take as an example the Indonesian people, whose mobilization and determination have always enabled them to face up with strength and courage to the ordeals afflicting their country.

The theme for this General Assembly is defining a global roadmap for international policing, and this commits us to work towards a future in which an ever-more effective Organization is positioned to respond to the needs of our countries, and remains in touch with the realities of the global security landscape.

Such a collective approach requires everyone to be involved, just as you were with your contributions to the INTERPOL 2020 initiative which was spearheaded by the Secretary General and which aims to build the INTERPOL of the future.

Setting objectives

The developments in our Organization require us to coordinate our efforts within a strategic framework that encompasses the reform process being conducted as part of the INTERPOL 2020 initiative that I have just referred to.

The strategic framework for the 2017-2020 period that will be submitted for your approval will constitute our “road map” for the next four years and will be regularly adjusted to ensure that it remains fully in line with your expectations in terms of international police cooperation.

INTERPOL remains now, more than ever, determined to evolve and to anticipate the challenges that confront us all, and for this, it must have the appropriate tools to provide a basis for taking relevant decisions.

The strategies which will be presented to you here, aimed at combating terrorism, organized crime and cybercrime, have been developed in line with the Organization’s new Operating Model, and are fundamental to our action in the face of these global threats.

Yet, in order to translate our strategies into concrete action, it is imperative to fortify the bases of our cooperation through INTERPOL.

Strengthening the foundations

Institutional resilience – supported by an improved legal framework and by innovative financial, human and technological resources – is critical to ensuring that the Organization continues to advance.

Our ability to meet the challenges posed by criminal threats depends on our capacity to meet the demands of all the rules which guarantee compliance with the highest legal standards, and also preserve the credibility, legitimacy and effectiveness of our Organization.

The work done by the Working Group on the Processing of Information regarding INTERPOL’s supervisory mechanisms will be presented to you during this Assembly session, as will the draft Statute of the Commission for the Control of INTERPOL’s Files. These are major factors in reinforcing the framework of our Organization’s activities.

This work of consolidation will also be evidenced during the review of the additional measures concerning the publication of red notices and the transmission of diffusions for wanted individuals. This is of the utmost importance in view of the powerful impact that the use of these INTERPOL tools has both on international police cooperation, and on people’s rights and freedoms.

These developments will also concern the Executive Committee. You will be asked to grant this governing body decision-making capacities which are tailored to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global environment. You will also be called on to elect your new representatives to the Executive Committee on the last day of this Assembly.

Our General Assembly will also address the question of applications for membership of INTERPOL, in conformity with the legal framework and the overarching aims of the Organization’s operation and activities.

As the challenges multiply, so do the demands, including those for resources. This General Assembly will provide you with an opportunity to discuss INTERPOL's strategy and initiatives concerning the management of financial, human and technological resources. This will enable the Organization to have the means necessary to maintain its momentum in terms of development.

Joint and concerted solutions also depend on our ability to reconcile the regional and global dimensions of our activities.

On this point, I should like to stress the relevance of the actions taken to strengthen and optimize the Organization's partnerships, such as the successful "INTERPOL meeting to foster dialogue on an effective, multilateral police architecture against global threats", held in 2016 at the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation in Singapore, which brought together police cooperation initiatives from the different regions of the world whose representatives I welcome here today.

The cooperation agreements that will be submitted to you during this General Assembly come within an ethical framework that safeguards the Organization's integrity and independence in its mission to support police activities all over the world.

Mr Vice President,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our host country, Indonesia, has made "unity in diversity" its national motto.

Following the example that our host country has set for the rest of the world, INTERPOL's wealth is drawn from its diversity, a diversity embodied by you who have travelled in great number from all over the world to be here today, a diversity that constitutes our greatest asset as we define together the global roadmap for international police action, which is the theme of this General Assembly.

The resolve that drives and buoys us, along with the ability to work together for a common good at this particular time when new prospects for our Organization's future are opening up, will be the key to the success of this 85th INTERPOL General Assembly session held on this idyllic island of Bali, the jewel in the crown of a country endowed with such great cultural wealth.

It is my hope that your work will be productive and I thank you for your attention.

Terima kasih

Thank you

Gracias

Shukran

Merci
