



**Working Arrangement
between the Ministry of National Security of the
Argentine Republic and the European Union Agency for
Law Enforcement Cooperation**

The Ministry of National Security of Argentina (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry"),

and

the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (hereafter referred to as "Europol")

Aware of the urgent problems arising from international organised crime, especially terrorism, and other forms of serious crime,

Considering that the Europol Management Board has determined the list of third countries and organisations with which Europol may conclude Working Arrangements, thereby having given Europol the authorisation to enter into negotiations on a Working Arrangement with the authorities of the Argentine Republic,

Considering Article 23(4) of the Europol Regulation as well as that the Europol Management Board has on 25 June 2025 approved the present Working Arrangement between the Ministry and Europol,

Considering that this Working Arrangement does not provide for the legal basis for the transfer of personal data by Europol to the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic,

Whereas on the occasion that transfers of personal data are authorized in accordance with Articles 25(5) or 25(6) of the Europol Regulation by the Executive Director of Europol or the Europol Management Board respectively, the cooperation mechanisms, procedures and conditions as established by this Arrangement will be used to facilitate and be applicable to these transfers, without prejudice to the implementation of additional safeguards, where necessary, under Article 25(6),

Mindful that this Working Arrangement only binds the Ministry and Europol and does not constitute an international agreement concluded in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Respectful of the obligations under international law of the Argentine Republic in relation to human rights and Europol's obligations under the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,

Have agreed as follows:

Chapter I – Purpose and scope

Article 1

Purpose

The purpose of this Working Arrangement (hereafter referred to as "Arrangement") is to establish cooperative relations between Europol and the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic as mentioned in Article 7, (hereafter referred to as "the law enforcement authorities"), in order to support the Member States of the European Union and the Argentine Republic in preventing and combating serious crime affecting two or more Member States, terrorism and forms of crime which affect a common interest covered by a European Union policy, as referred to in Article 3, in particular through the exchange of information.

Article 2

Definitions

For the purpose of this Arrangement:

- a) "Europol Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, as amended;
- b) "personal data" means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (data subject), an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person;
- c) "non-personal data" means data other than personal data;
- d) "information" means non-personal data and personal data.

Article 3
Areas of crime

1. The cooperation as established in this Arrangement may relate to all areas of crime within Europol's mandate as listed in Annex I, including related criminal offences.
2. Related criminal offences are the criminal offences committed in order to procure the means of perpetrating the criminal acts referred to in paragraph 1, criminal offences committed in order to facilitate or perpetrate such acts, and criminal offences committed to ensure the impunity of such acts.
3. Where Europol's mandate as listed in Annex I is changed in any way, Europol may, from the date when the change to Europol's mandate enters into force, suggest the applicability of this Arrangement in relation to the new mandate to the Ministry in writing in accordance with Article 24.

Article 4
Areas of cooperation

1. The cooperation may, additional to the exchange of information under the conditions laid down in this Arrangement, in accordance with the tasks of Europol as outlined in the Europol Regulation, in particular include the exchange of specialist knowledge, general situation reports, results of strategic analysis, information on criminal investigation procedures, information on crime prevention methods, the participation in training activities as well as providing advice and support in individual criminal investigations.
2. Furthermore, the cooperation may also encompass collaborative endeavours, coordinated through liaison officers referred to in Article 9, where an imminent threat of crime exists, within the applicable legal framework and the scope of this arrangement.
3. With regard to the offence of cybercrime, the Ministry and Europol may also cooperate, within the applicable legal framework and the scope of this arrangement, with the aim to increase the effectiveness of the design, development, and implementation of policies for the purpose of combating computer crime and cyber threats.

4. The Parties may establish working groups with the aim to increase the effectiveness of combatting the offences stipulated in Annex I of this arrangement, in particular with regard to terrorism and its financing, environmental offences, offences involving nuclear or radioactive substances.

Article 5

Relation to other international instruments

This Arrangement does not prejudice or otherwise affect or impact upon the legal provisions with regard to the exchange of information provided for in any Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty, any other cooperation agreement or arrangement, or working law enforcement relationship for the exchange of information between the Argentine Republic and the European Union or any Member State of the European Union.

Chapter II – Mode of cooperation

Article 6

National contact point

1. The Ministry will designate a national contact point to act as the central point of contact between Europol and the law enforcement authorities.
2. The exchange of information between Europol and the law enforcement authorities will take place between Europol and the national contact point. This does not preclude however, direct exchanges of information between Europol and the law enforcement authorities, if agreed between the national contact point and Europol.
3. The Ministry will ensure the possibility for the national contact point to enable information exchange on a 24-hour basis. The national contact point will ensure that information can be exchanged without delay with the law enforcement authorities.
4. The national contact point is designated in Annex II.

Article 7

National law enforcement authorities

1. The law enforcement authorities subject to this Arrangement must be police and federal law enforcement authorities and other law enforcement services existing in the Argentine Republic which are responsible under national law for preventing and combating criminal offences. The law enforcement authorities may also comprise other public authorities which are responsible under national law for preventing and combating criminal offences in respect of which Europol is competent. They are listed in Annex II.
2. The transmission of information will be restricted to those law enforcement authorities.

Article 8

Consultations and closer cooperation

1. The Ministry and Europol agree that to further the cooperation and enhance as well as monitor the development of the provisions of this Arrangement, regular exchanges, as appropriate, are integral. Specifically:
 - a. High level meetings between Europol and the national contact point will take place regularly to discuss issues relating to the implementation of this Arrangement and the cooperation in general.
 - b. A representative of the national contact point and Europol may consult each other regularly on criminal policy issues and matters of common interest for the purpose of realising their objectives and coordinating their respective activities.
 - c. A representative of the national contact point may be invited to attend the meetings of the Heads of Europol National Units, at their discretion.
2. When appropriate, consultation will be arranged at the required level between representatives of the law enforcement authorities and Europol, responsible for the areas of criminality to which this Arrangement applies, to agree upon the most effective way in which to organise their particular activities.

Article 9
Liaison officers

1. The Ministry and Europol may agree to enhance the cooperation as laid down in this Arrangement through the deployment of liaison officer(s) of the Argentine Republic. Europol may at its own discretion, equally consider the deployment of liaison officer(s) to the Argentine Republic subject to the approval of the Europol Management Board.
2. The liaison officers' tasks, rights and obligations, their number, and the costs involved, will be governed by a separate instrument agreed between the Ministry and Europol. In the case of the Argentine Party, these individuals must be members of some of the authorities in Article 7.
3. The seconding authority will ensure that its liaison officers have speedy and, where technically feasible, direct access to the national databases necessary for them to fulfil their respective tasks.
4. Europol will as far as possible assist the Argentine Republic in respect of concluding an agreement with the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning the privileges and immunities enjoyed by the deployed liaison officers, in case that would be considered.

Chapter III – Information exchange

Article 10
General provisions

1. Exchange of information between the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic and Europol may only take place for the purpose of and in accordance with the provisions of this Arrangement and their respective legal frameworks.
2. The law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic and Europol will only supply information to each other which was collected, stored and transmitted in accordance with their respective legal framework and has not been clearly obtained in obvious violation of human rights.

3. Requests for public access to documents transmitted on the basis of this Arrangement will be submitted to the transmitting entity for their advice as soon as possible.

Article 11

Use of the information

1. Information that is transmitted with a purpose, notwithstanding the obligation to do so as per Article 16(1), may be used only for the purpose for which it was transmitted and any restriction on its use, deletion or destruction, including possible access restrictions in general or specific terms will be respected by the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic and Europol.
2. Use of information for a different purpose than the purpose for which the information was transmitted must be authorised by the transmitting entity.

Article 12

Onward transmission or transfer of information received

1. Onward transmission of the information provided by Europol to any other law enforcement authorities listed in Annex II, as referred to in Article 7, will take place under the same conditions as those applying to the original transmission.
2. Any other onward transmission of information originally provided by Europol, including to other national law enforcement authorities not listed in Annex II, Member States, third States and international organisations, will in addition require prior explicit authorisation by Europol.
3. Onward transmission of the information received by Europol will be restricted to the authorities responsible in the Member States of the European Union for preventing and combating criminal offences and will take place under the same conditions as those applying to the original transmission. Any other onward transmission to third States or international organisations will in addition require prior explicit authorisation by the Ministry.

Article 13

Assessment of the source and of the information

1. When information is supplied by the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic or Europol on the basis of this Arrangement, the reliability of the source of the information will be indicated as far as possible on the basis of the following criteria:
 - a) (A): Where there is no doubt of the authenticity, trustworthiness and competence of the source, or if the information is supplied by a source who, in the past, has proved to be reliable in all instances;
 - b) (B): Source from whom information received has in most instances proved to be reliable;
 - c) (C): Source from whom information received has in most instances proved to be unreliable;
 - d) (X): The reliability of the source cannot be assessed.

2. When information is supplied by the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic or Europol on the basis of this Arrangement, the accuracy of the information will be indicated as far as possible on the basis of the following criteria:
 - a) (1): information whose accuracy is not in doubt;
 - b) (2): information known personally to the source but not known personally to the official passing it on;
 - c) (3): information not known personally to the source but corroborated by other information already recorded;
 - d) (4): information which is not known personally to the source and cannot be corroborated.

3. If either the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic or Europol, on the basis of information already in its possession, comes to the conclusion that the assessment of information supplied by the other needs correction, it will inform the other and attempt to agree on an amendment to the assessment. Neither will change the assessment of information received without such agreement.

4. If the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic or Europol receives information without an assessment, it will attempt as far as possible and in

agreement with the transmitting entity to assess the reliability of the source or the accuracy of the information on the basis of information already in its possession.

5. If no assessment can be made, the information will be evaluated as at paragraph 1 (X) and paragraph 2(4) above.

Chapter IV – Exchange of personal data

Article 14

General provision

When personal data exchanges are authorised under the respective legal frameworks of the Argentine Republic and Europol, the additional safeguards contained in the provisions of this Chapter will apply.

Article 15

Legal basis for the transfer of personal data by Europol

1. This Arrangement does not provide for the legal basis for the transfer of personal data by Europol to the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic.
2. The legal possibilities to transfer personal data by Europol on a case-by-case basis are regulated in Articles 25(5) and 25(6) of the Europol Regulation.

Article 16

Additional conditions for the exchange of personal data

1. The law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic and Europol will determine at the moment of transmission of the personal data or before, the purpose for which the data is transmitted, and any restriction on its use, deletion or destruction, including possible access restrictions in general or specific terms. Where the need for such restrictions becomes apparent after the transmission, the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic and Europol will inform of such restrictions at a later stage.

2. When transmitting personal data, the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic and Europol will, where applicable and as far as possible, make a clear distinction between the personal data of different categories of data subjects.
3. The law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic and Europol will retain personal data only as long as it is necessary and proportionate for the purpose for which it was transmitted. The need for continued storage will be reviewed no later than three years after the transmission. During the review, the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic and Europol may decide on the continued storage of data until the following review which will take place after another period of three years if that is still necessary for the performance of its tasks. If no decision is taken on the continued storage of data, those data will be deleted automatically.
4. Where the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic or Europol has reason to believe that personal data previously transmitted by it is incorrect, inaccurate, no longer up to date or should not have been transmitted, it will inform the other, which will correct or delete the personal data, and provide notification thereof.
5. Where the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic or Europol has reason to believe that personal data previously received by it is incorrect, inaccurate, no longer up to date or should not have been transmitted, it will inform the other, which will provide its position on the matter.

Article 17

Security of processing of personal data

The Ministry and Europol will ensure that the personal data exchanged or received is protected through technical and organisational measures. Such measures will only be necessary where the effort they involve is proportionate to the objective they are designed to achieve in terms of protection, and will be designed to:

- a) deny unauthorised persons access to data processing equipment used for processing personal data (equipment access control),
- b) prevent the unauthorised reading, copying, modification or removal of personal data media (data media control),

- c) prevent the unauthorised input of personal data and the unauthorised inspection, modification or deletion of stored personal data (storage control),
- d) prevent the use of automated data-processing systems by unauthorised persons using data- communication equipment (user control),
- e) ensure that persons authorised to use an automated data-processing system have access only to the personal data covered by their access authorisation (data access control),
- f) ensure that it is possible to verify and establish to which bodies personal data may be or have been transmitted using data communication equipment (communication control),
- g) ensure that it is subsequently possible to verify and establish which operational personal data have been input into automated data processing systems, and when and by whom the operational personal data were input (input control),
- h) prevent the unauthorised reading, copying, modification or deletion of personal data during transfers of personal data or during transportation of data media (transport control),
- i) ensure that installed systems may, in the event of interruption, be restored as soon as possible (recovery),
- j) ensure that the functions of the system perform without fault, that the appearance of faults in the functions is reported as soon as possible (reliability) and that stored personal data cannot be corrupted by system malfunctions (integrity).

Chapter V – Information security

Article 18

Basic principles of information security

Each Party will:

1. protect information subject to this Arrangement, regardless of its form, until it has reached its end of life and is securely destroyed,
2. ensure that it has a security organisation, policies and measures in place to comply with the requirements set out in this Arrangement; manage information security

risks for all systems processing information exchanged under this Arrangement and assess these risks on a regular basis and whenever there is a significant change to any of the risk components; and ensure that it has a framework in place for reporting, managing and resolving security incidents and breaches,

3. ensure that all persons handling information exchanged under this Arrangement are subject to a security screening in accordance with the legal framework of the receiving Party, are appropriately trained and familiar with the relevant security rules, policies and procedures; are made aware of their obligation to protect the information and acknowledge the obligation in writing; and ensure that access to information is limited to authorised persons who need to have access to it in order to perform their official duties,
4. ensure that the premises where information exchanged under this Arrangement is stored or handled have an appropriate level of physical security in accordance with the legal framework of the receiving Party.

Article 19

Arrangement on the exchange and protection of classified information

1. The security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information exchanged between the Ministry and Europol will be set out in a separate legal instrument on the exchange and protection of classified information agreed between the Ministry and Europol.
2. Exchange of classified information is conditional upon the conclusion of the arrangement on the exchange and protection of classified information.

Chapter VI – Disputes and liability

Article 20

Liability

The Ministry and Europol will be liable for any damage caused to an individual as a result of legal or factual errors in information exchanged, in accordance with their respective legal frameworks.

Article 21
Settlement of disputes

1. All disputes which may emerge in connection with the interpretation or application of this Arrangement will be settled by means of consultations and negotiations between representatives of the Ministry and Europol.
2. In the event of serious failings of either the Ministry or Europol to comply with the provisions of this Arrangement, or the Ministry or Europol is of the view that such a failing may occur in the near future, either may suspend the application of this Arrangement temporarily, pending the consultations and negotiations referred to in paragraph 1. Obligations inherent upon the Ministry and Europol under the Arrangement will nonetheless remain in force.

Chapter VII – Final provisions

Article 22
Secure communication line

1. The establishment, implementation and operation of a secure communication line for the purpose of exchange of information between Europol and the Ministry may be agreed upon between the Ministry and Europol. In such a case, it will be governed by a separate instrument agreed between the Ministry and Europol.
2. Without prejudice to Article 20, the Ministry or Europol will be liable for damage caused to the other as a result of wrongful actions relating to the establishment, the implementation or the operation of the secure communication line.
3. Any dispute between the Ministry and Europol concerning the interpretation or application of provisions relating to the establishment, implementation and operation of the secure communication line will be settled in accordance with Article 21.

Article 23

Expenses

The Ministry and Europol will bear their own expenses which arise in the course of implementation of this Arrangement, unless otherwise stipulated in this Arrangement.

Article 24

Amendments and supplements

1. This Arrangement may be amended in writing, at any time by mutual consent between the Ministry and Europol. Any amendments will receive the approval of the Europol Management Board.
2. The Ministry and Europol will enter into consultations with respect to the amendment of this Arrangement or its Annexes at the request of either of them.

Article 25

Entry into effect

This Arrangement will enter into force on the first day following the date of the last signature.

Article 26

Termination of the Arrangement

1. This Arrangement may be terminated in writing by either of the Parties with three months' notice.
2. In case of termination, the Ministry and Europol will endeavor to reach agreement on the continued use and storage of the information that has already been communicated between them. If no agreement is reached, both the Ministry and Europol are entitled to require that the information which it has communicated be destroyed or returned to the transmitting Party.
3. Without prejudice to paragraph 1, the legal effects of this Arrangement remain in force.

Done in duplicate in the English and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.


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Annex I – Areas of crime

Europol shall support and strengthen action by the law enforcement authorities of the Member States and their mutual cooperation in preventing and combating serious crime affecting two or more Member States, terrorism and forms of crime which affect a common interest covered by a Union policy, as listed below:

- terrorism,
- organised crime,
- drug trafficking,
- money-laundering activities,
- crime connected with nuclear and radioactive substances,
- immigrant smuggling,
- trafficking in human beings,
- motor vehicle crime,
- murder and grievous bodily injury,
- illicit trade in human organs and tissue,
- kidnapping, illegal restraint and hostage taking,
- racism and xenophobia,
- robbery and aggravated theft,
- illicit trafficking in cultural goods, including antiquities and works of art,
- swindling and fraud,
- crime against the financial interests of the Union,
- insider dealing and financial market manipulation,
- racketeering and extortion,
- counterfeiting and product piracy,
- forgery of administrative documents and trafficking therein,
- forgery of money and means of payment,
- computer crime,
- corruption,
- illicit trafficking in arms, ammunition and explosives,
- illicit trafficking in endangered animal species,
- illicit trafficking in endangered plant species and varieties,
- environmental crime, including ship source pollution,
- illicit trafficking in hormonal substances and other growth promoters,
- sexual abuse and sexual exploitation, including child abuse material and solicitation of children for sexual purposes,
- genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

The forms of crime referred to in Article 3 of this Arrangement and in this Annex will be assessed by the law enforcement authorities in accordance with the law of the Argentine Republic.

Annex II – National Law enforcement authorities and national contact point

The national contact point for the law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic, to act as the central point of contact between Europol and other law enforcement authorities of the Argentine Republic is hereby designated as the

General Office of International Police Cooperation of the ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE

The law enforcement authorities in the Argentine Republic responsible under national law for preventing and combating the criminal offences referred to in Article 3(1) of this Arrangement are:

1. ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE
2. NATIONAL GENDARMERIE
3. ARGENTINE NAVAL PREFECTURE
4. AIRPORT SECURITY POLICE