



INTERPOL

COMMISSION FOR THE CONTROL
OF INTERPOL'S FILES



The role and functions of the Commission for the Control of INTERPOL's Files (CCF)

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INTERPOL

- International Criminal Police Organization – INTERPOL – founded in 1923.
- INTERPOL General Secretariat - headquartered in Lyon, France.
- Inter-governmental Organization with 196 Member States
- Technical cooperation mandate focusing on international police matters, fugitive tracking, mutual legal assistance and extradition.
- No autonomous enforcement power or police forces, acting as coordination and communication hub between national police forces – it does not issue “International Arrest Warrants”
- Key tools are Notices and Diffusions, published and circulated at the request of member countries to alert police forces in other countries and request action such as collection of information (blue), location of a subject (yellow) or arrest with a view to extradition (red).



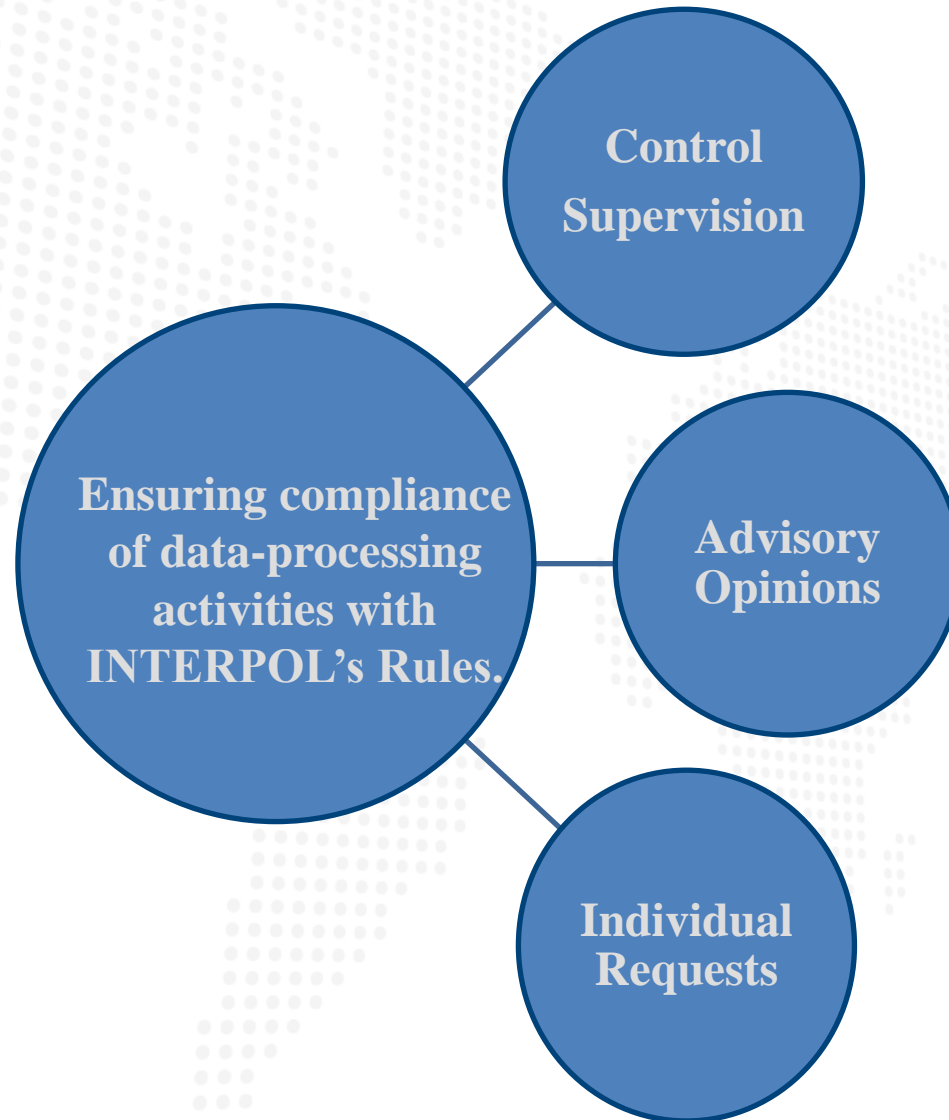
AN INDEPENDENT ORGAN OF INTERPOL



The CCF is INTERPOL's independent quasi-judicial body providing an effective remedy to individuals affected by the processing of data through INTERPOL's channels.



MAIN FUNCTIONS



COMPOSITION

COMMISSION FOR
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(CCF)

REQUESTS
CHAMBER

SUPERVISORY/ADVISORY
CHAMBER

Seven members

- Elected by the INTERPOL General Assembly
- Serving in their personal capacity, not representing national authorities
- Each with a specific subject-matter expertise
- Four plenary sessions every year

Permanent Secretariat

- Secretary, Counsels/Legal Officers, and Administrative Attachés



Supervisory and Advisory Chamber:

- **Yves Poulet** (Belgium)

Expert in data protection - *Rapporteur*

- **Mohamed Elfadhel Miled** (Tunisia)

Expert in electronic data processing

Requests Chamber:

- **Teresa McHenry** (United States)

Lawyer with international criminal law expertise - *Chairperson*

- **Mohamed Kamara** (Lebanon)

Lawyer with international police cooperation expertise – *Vice Chairperson*

- **Hamza Es-Said** (Morocco)

Lawyer holding a senior judicial or prosecutorial position - *Rapporteur*

- **Susie Alegre** (United Kingdom)

Lawyer with data protection expertise

- **Michel Forst** (France)

Lawyer with human rights expertise



LEGAL FRAMEWORK

INTERPOL Constitution

Article 2(1)

Its aims are: (1) To ensure and promote the widest possible mutual assistance between all criminal police authorities within the limits of the laws existing in the different countries and in the spirit of the “Universal Declaration of Human Rights”;

Article 3 *It is strictly forbidden for the Organization to undertake any intervention or activities of a political, military, religious or racial character.*

INTERPOL’s Rules on the Processing of Data (RPD),

INTERPOL General Assembly Resolutions,

➔ **Main principles: respect for human rights, political neutrality, respect for national sovereignty, data protection principles.**



REQUESTS CHAMBER

How?

By Whom?

What for?

- Access
- Deletion/Correction
- Revision



COMMISSION FOR THE CONTROL OF INTERPOL'S FILES APPLICATION FORM FOR ACCESS AND/OR CORRECTION/DELETION

Please complete all relevant fields and submit the required documents so that your request can be considered admissible and properly examined.

A. NATURE OF YOUR REQUEST

- Request for access Correction/deletion

B. APPLICANT

Please ensure that a clear, readable copy of the applicant's identity document is sent in attachment to this form. If the applicant is a minor, please include a document which attests to your relationship to him/her.

1. IF THE APPLICANT IS A PERSON:

- FAMILY NAME _____
- FORENAME(S) _____
- DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH _____
- NATIONALITY _____
- ADDRESS (Please note it is required to indicate a valid postal address, so the Commission can send you notifications related to your application. Should you have a representative, you may indicate only their address, in Part C of this form.) _____

- E-MAIL (optional) _____
- Is the applicant currently detained?
No Yes (if yes, please specify in which country: _____)
- Does the applicant currently hold a protective status in a third country?
No Yes (if yes, please provide a document certifying the status and mention it in the list of appendices)

2. IF THE APPLICANT IS AN ENTITY:

- FULL NAME OF THE ENTITY _____
- DATE OF INCORPORATION OR REGISTRATION _____
- PLACE OF INCORPORATION OR REGISTRATION _____
- OFFICIAL REGISTRATION NUMBER (if any) _____
- OFFICIAL ADDRESS _____



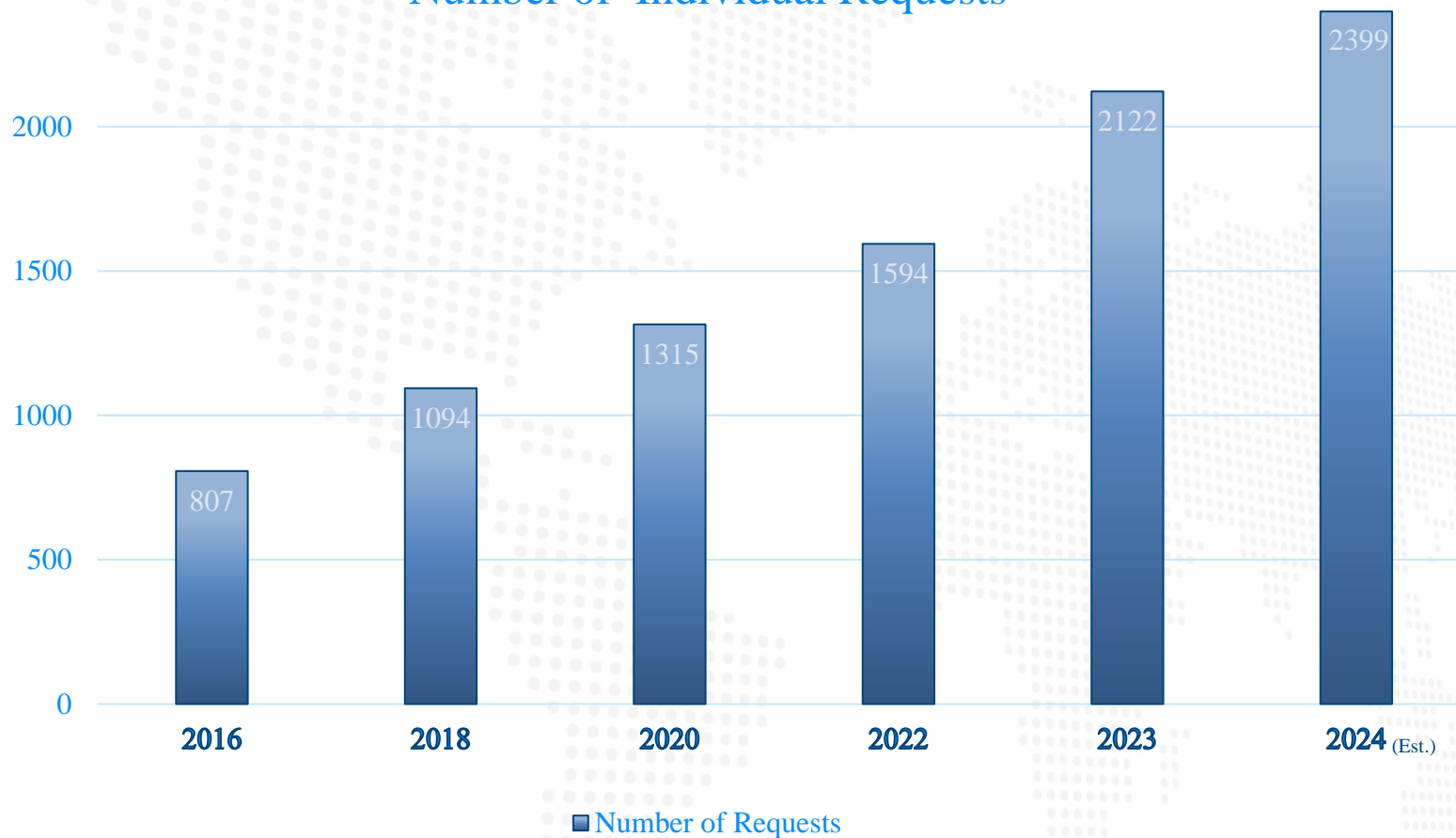
PROCESSING OF A REQUEST

- **Consultation of parties**
 - NCBs (source of data / third NCBs)
 - Applicants
 - INTERPOL General Secretariat
 - **Case by case, within timeframes (Statute)**
- **Adoption of a Decision**
 - During a plenary Session (4 times per year)
 - Final, binding, and reasoned Decision.
 - Communicated to parties, subject to restrictions



EVOLUTION OF CASELOAD

Number of Individual Requests



MORE INFORMATION

Practical Guides in 4 official languages

Annual Reports and Statistics

Frequently Asked Questions

Anonymized Decision excerpts

Videos on the CCF website



Thank you for your attention

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