**PROTOCOL**

**THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE ACADEMIES**

**The** **International Association of Police Academies (INTERPA)** shall be established with this Protocol on the basis of reciprocality and equality, with the aim of carrying out efficiency studies based on the communication partnership among the police training institutions.

The INTERPA aims to establish a communication platform, which is needed by the police training institutions. The INTERPA shall carry out its activities without entering in competition with the other international institutions, which provide police cooperation. Within this scope; membership to the INTERPA shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties arising from their membership in the other international institutions and their legal status in the mentioned institutions.

Members of the INTERPA which shall be the signatories of this Protocol have agreed as follows;

**PART 1**

**Aim, Work Items and Working Procedures**

**Article 1**

**Aim**

* 1. Aims of the INTERPA are as follows:
     1. Maximizing the cooperation and coordination among the member police training institutions in the field of police training by optimizing the existing sources and sharing the best practices and researches carried out in this field,
     2. Making possible to conduct exchange programs among the national training institutions for directors, trainers and students from these institutions,
     3. Increasing the management capability of the high-level directors by means of joint programs.

**Article 2**

**Work Items**

2.1. Subjects of activities and projects, which shall be carried out by the INTERPA, include the following items:

1. Fight against Crimes and Criminals,

2. Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling,

3. Cyber Crimes,

4. Information Technologies and Its Security,

5. Preventive Policing,

6. Organized Crime,

7. Terrorism,

8. Transnational Crime,

9. Illicit Drug Trafficking,

10. Border Security,

11. Crisis Management,

12. Police and Public Relations,

13. Police Ethics,

14. Police Defense Tactics,

15. Leadership and Management,

16. Training and Practice Efficiency,

17- Scientific Police and Scientific Crime Investigation,

18- Riot Control,

19- Gathering Information,

20- Interview and Interrogation Methods and Its Psychology.

2.2. New items may be added to the above mentioned list if it is deemed as necessary by the members.

**Article 3**

**Working Procedures**

3.1. The INTERPA carries out its activities by means of the followings:

3.1.1. Annual meetings organized by participation of the member institutions,

3.1.2. Symposiums and conferences,

3.1.3. Friendly visit exchanges among the member institutions,

3.1.4. Publishing an international journal with the coordination of the Secretariat for promoting the activities of the Association,

**Article 4**

**Training Cooperation among the Member Institutions of the** **INTERPA**

* 1. The students of the member institutions may be included to the training and education programs mutually in Police Academies in accordance with the signed agreements.
  2. Mutual exchange programs may be executed in undergraduate, master and doctorate programs among the member institutions.
  3. Information sharing is ensured among research centers within the Police Academies of the member institutions. Besides, they are encouraged to conduct joint projects.

**PART 2**

**Membership to the INTERPA**

**Article 5**

**Membership and Conditions**

5.1. Being a member of the INTERPA after its establishment is only accepted with the approval of the membership application in the General Council by the majority of votes.

Conditions for the membership;

5.1.1. Police Academy or an equivalent institution of a country may apply for candidacy.

5.1.2. Candidate countries’ institution must be respectful to the human rights and rule of law.

5.2. In cases where two or more police training institutions become the member of the Association from the same Country, the Member State will have only one vote at the General Council.

5.3. The INTERPA Membership comes into force immediately after the INTERPA protocol has been signed between the INTERPA President and the executive of the institution who makes the membership application or his/her representative.

5.4. The Presidency, Vice-Presidency and Executive Board Membership fall when the representative(s) of the institutions did not attend three consecutive meetings.

**PART 3**

**Organizational Structure of the INTERPA**

**Article 6**

**Organs of the INTERPA**

6.1. The followings are the organs of the INTERPA:

6.1.1. Presidency of the INTERPA

6.1.2. Secretariat

6.1.3. General Council

6.1.4. Executive Board

6.2. Apart from these organs, the INTERPA may establish new councils, committees or commissions with the decision of the Executive Board. Their duties and working procedures are regulated by the Executive Board after approval of General Council.

**Article 7**

**Presidency of the INTERPA**

7.1. The President of the INTERPA is the representative of the Association.

7.2. The President and 3 (three) Vice Presidents of the INTERPA are elected in General Council for 3 (three) years by the majority of votes.

7.3. The INTERPA Presidency and Vice Presidencies will be represented by head of the member institution, and if any change occurs in the position of the head of police training institution, who is in charge of INTERPA Presidency or Vice Presidency, the authority and responsibility will be transferred to the newly appointed executive.

**Article 8**

**Secretariat**

8.1. Secretariat headquarters of the INTERPA is in Turkish National Police Academy. All activities of the Secretariat are carried out by the Turkish National Police Academy in accordance with the Turkish legislation.

**Article 9**

**General Council**

9.1. General Council consists of the President, Vice Presidents of the INTERPA and heads of Police Academies (or equivalent training institutions) of each member country. The coordination of the studies of General Council is carried out by the Secretariat of the INTERPA.

**Article 10**

**Executive Board**

10.1. Executive Board consists of the President, Vice Presidents of the INTERPA, and 5 (five) representatives from the highest level executives of member institutions. The highest level executives of 5 (five) training institutions, which will take place in Executive Board, are elected among the candidates by the majority of votes for 3 (three) years on the basis of voluntariness.

10.2. Executive Board is the approval authority of activities and projects. It monitors the execution of the activities by the Secretariat.

10.3. Executive Board makes decisions on structuring of the Association and establishing new councils, committees or commissions.

10.4. INTERPA Executive Board membership will be represented by head of the member institution, and if any change occurs in the position of the head of police training institution who is a member of the Executive Board, the membership to the Executive Board will be transferred to the newly appointed official.

10.5. The representative(s) of the country that will host the INTERPA Conference should be invited to attend the INTERPA Executive Board Meeting which will be held before the Conference.

**PART 4**

**Financing**

**Article 11**

11.1. Member police training institutions compensate the expenses of all kinds of projects, seminars, courses and activities from their budget on the basis of voluntariness, which will be organized by themselves or with the cooperation of another training institution. There is no fee for the membership to the INTERPA.

**PART 5**

**Other Provisions**

**Article 12**

**INTERPA Language**

12.1. The official language of the INTERPA is English, and hence this protocol is prepared only in English language.

**Article 13**

**Modification and Revision in Protocol Contents**

13.1. In order to be negotiated, the modification of the Protocol should take place on the agenda of the Executive and General Board, or should be put on the agenda upon the written request of the %10 of the members those present on the meeting. For the modification of the Protocol and/or taking decision about the matters on the agenda, 2/3 majority of the quorum among those present in the GCM meeting is needed

**Article 14**

**INTERPA Joiners**

14.1. The Parties will appoint a liaison officer for executing the activities mentioned in this Protocol. They shall inform the Secretariat of the Association regarding to the contact information of these liaison officers.

**Article 15**

**Execution**

15.1. This protocol is to be executed with signature of two third member countries.

**Date :**

**Place :**