INTERPOL Guide

About:

INTERPOL is a technical, intergovernmental organisation constituted by 196 member countries, founded in 1923.

INTERPOL is not a political organisation, its purpose is to facilitate international cooperation at an international police level. Legally speaking, the member states cannot engage in any activity that is of a political, military or racial character.

This is a very important point for delegates to note, it is a challenge but is key to the organisation's functioning as it allows cooperation despite potential current political conflict.

INTERPOL is different from other organisations of its kind as they do not have operations and activities, they do not have field police officers. Their activities are focused on assisting police officers in member states. They do this through 19 databases, all for different purposes such as identifying criminals or for specific crime areas.

The GA

INTERPOL at ILYMUN 2025 will be a simulation of its GA, its supreme body. It is a yearly meeting in which the member states take strategic decisions on the budget of the organisation and on strategic policing priorities. At the GA, draft resolutions are looked over. 30 days before the GA, the member states are sent the draft resolutions - this will be the same for you. This time should be used to make comments and prepare amendments for debating. You may also prepare clauses to add on to these resolutions.

ILYMUN

In order to make this committee as accessible as possible, ILYMUN will be using typical debating procedure, simply following INTERPOL rules (the fact that you will debate on draft resolutions pre-prepared (and simplified) and that no political ideas may be discussed.

INTERPOL Notices

This is what most people know about INTERPOL, specifically the Red Notice. Their colour-coded Notices enable countries to share alerts and requests for information worldwide. INTERPOL Notices are international requests for cooperation or alerts allowing police in member countries to share critical crime-related information.

Familiarise yourself with their meanings, they can be important for context when discussing INTERPOL's actions.



Your role:

- Research your country, specifically their role in INTERPOL and their views
- Research your country's ideas in regard to the two issues you will be debating
- Familiarise yourself with INTERPOL by research
- Read through the draft resolutions that will be sent to you 30 days before the conference
- Contact your chairs if you have any questions, that is what they are there for!