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**DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR RELATIONS ACT
(CHAPTER 82A)**

**DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR RELATIONS
(ICPO-INTERPOL) ORDER 2012**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6(3) of the Diplomatic and Consular Relations Act, the Minister for Foreign Affairs hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Diplomatic and Consular Relations (ICPO-INTERPOL) Order 2012 and shall come into operation on 3rd September 2012.

Definitions

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Complex” means the INTERPOL Global Complex in Singapore;

“Executive Committee” means the Executive Committee of the ICPO-INTERPOL;

“ICPO-INTERPOL” means The International Criminal Police Organization-INTERPOL;

“Secretary General” means the Secretary General of the ICPO-INTERPOL.

Additional immunities and privileges of ICPO-INTERPOL

3. The ICPO-INTERPOL shall, in addition to its immunities and privileges under the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (ICPO-INTERPOL) Order 2012 (G.N. No. S 432/2012), enjoy the following immunities and privileges:

- (a) inviolability of all archives of the ICPO-INTERPOL, and all documents belonging to the ICPO-INTERPOL or held by it in whatever form, wherever they are located;
- (b) inviolability and freedom from censorship of the official correspondence of the Complex;
- (c) the right to use codes;
- (d) immunity of its property and assets (excluding land and immovable property) on the premises of the Complex and utilised by the Complex, and any motor vehicle owned by the ICPO-INTERPOL or used on its behalf, from requisition, attachment or execution; except where this is necessary as a temporary measure to prevent accidents involving such a vehicle or in order to conduct an inquiry in connection with such an accident.

Additional privilege of delegates, observers, Executive Committee members, advisers and experts

4. In addition to his immunities and privileges under the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (ICPO-INTERPOL) Order 2012 (G.N. No. S 432/2012), each of the following persons shall, in the exercise of his functions and the accomplishment of his mission, while in Singapore and also (where applicable) during journeys made to or from the meeting-place, enjoy inviolability of all his official papers and documents:

- (a) delegates from members of the ICPO-INTERPOL and observers attending conferences or meetings convened by the ICPO-INTERPOL;
- (b) members of the Executive Committee;

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- (c) advisers and experts on mission to the Complex, and persons officially requested by the ICPO-INTERPOL to perform duties within the Complex.

Additional immunities and privileges of Secretary General and directors of Complex

5. In addition to his immunities and privileges under the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (ICPO-INTERPOL) Order 2012 (G.N. No. S 432/2012), each of the following persons shall enjoy the like immunities and privileges as are accorded under articles 29 to 33, 35, 36(2) and 39 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations to a diplomatic agent:

- (a) the Secretary General;
- (b) every director of the Complex who is duly accredited to the Government.

Immunities and privileges of Complex staff

6. In addition to his immunities and privileges under the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (ICPO-INTERPOL) Order 2012 (G.N. No. S 432/2012), every member of the staff of the Complex other than the Secretary General or a director of the Complex, who is duly accredited to the Government, shall be exempted from customs duty when importing furniture and personal effects within 6 months after first taking up his post in Singapore.

Waiver of immunity

7.—(1) Any immunity or privilege under this Order (other than one enjoyed by the Secretary General) shall be waived by the Secretary General if it impedes the course of justice, but the waiver does not prejudice the interests of the ICPO-INTERPOL.

(2) Any immunity or privilege of the Secretary General under this Order may be waived by the Executive Committee.

Non-application of immunities and privileges

8.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in this Order, no immunity or privilege referred to in paragraph 4, 5 or 6 shall be enjoyed by any person who is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore.

(2) Nothing in this Order affects the right of the Government to take such measures as it considers useful to safeguard national security, public safety or health or to maintain law and order.

Made this 29th day of August 2012.

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