

CAMPAIGN SPEECH

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- **Director of Ceremony**
- **Madam Mireille Ballestrazzi, INTERPOL outgoing President**
- **Mr. Jürgen Stock, INTERPOL Secretary-General**
- **Members of the Executive Committee of INTERPOL**
- **Fellow Police Chiefs**

- **Dear delegates**

- Bonjour!
- Good morning!
- Buenos dias!
- A-salam aleikum!

It is certainly a great honour for me to have this opportunity to share with you the reasons why my candidacy should be supported during this election.

Dear delegates

I am the Inspector-General of the Namibian Police Force and the current INTERPOL Vice President for Africa, and Chairperson of the Consulting and Supervisory Sub-Committee.

Since its inception in 1923, INTERPOL has always had a clear vision, mission and objectives. By now we all know where INTERPOL stands, which direction it should be steered to, how many miles and how fast it should go by the year 2020, a strategic framework for our organisation to remain robust in

addressing issues of trans-national organised crime and other security concerns.

In light of the current global financial recession, it will be critical for INTERPOL to learn to optimally utilise its resources while remaining relevant to contemporary policing needs of the world.

Moreover, dear delegates, I am not promising to build bridges where there are no rivers, neither a bearer of miracles, but should I be voted into Presidency, I: -

- shall guide and lead INTERPOL strategic agenda and continue with its transformation and restructuring process into a leaner and effective organisation;
- shall uphold the founding principles of INTERPOL to ensure that it remains independent from political interference and influences;
- will support and promote the IGCI in search for modern tools and services that will benefit INTERPOL member states;
- shall promote the international police cooperation and work closely with strategic partners such as the AFRIPOL, AMERIPOL, ASEANAPOL, EUROPOL, INTERPOL Foundation,

GCC-Pol, the UNODC – for the sole purpose of making the world a safer place to live in;

- shall increase the cooperation and collaboration with development partners in line with INTERPOL guiding principles;
- shall seek concrete solutions to mitigate the threat of transnational organised crime and other security concerns;
- shall lead and guide the organisation for a successful implementation of INTERPOL Vision 2020 and beyond;
- shall promote unity in diversity, and work for a safer and secure world; and
- shall support projects to modernise and capacitate NCBs to remain relevant and responsive to future policing challenges.

Last but not least, I should acknowledge the exceptional work done and the progress made under the leadership of the outgoing President, Madam Ballestrazzi supported by the Secretary General of INTERPOL.

In conclusion, dear delegates, in partnership with INTERPOL member states, I will do my best to live up to the values of

INTERPOL, pursue collective security and own the process for international policing agenda. I therefore appeal for your vote!

- **Together we can connect police for a safer world –**
- **LONG LIVE INTERPOL!**