



INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM



International Partnerships and Cooperation Policy

International Organization for Counter-Terrorism (IOCT)

Article (1): Purpose

This Policy aims to regulate and develop international partnerships and cooperation of the International Organization for Counter-Terrorism on professional, legal, and ethical foundations, in a manner that supports the achievement of its objectives, preserves its independence and neutrality, and ensures compliance with international standards and human rights principles.

Article (2): Scope of Application

This Policy applies to:

- The Board of Trustees
- The Secretariat
- Committee members
- Employees and contractors
- Experts and advisors
- Partners and collaborators when concluding or implementing cooperation agreements on behalf of the Organization

Article (3): Governing Principles

The Organization commits to the following principles in all partnerships:

1. Institutional neutrality and independence.
2. Mutual respect and non-interference in internal affairs.
3. Commitment to human rights and the rule of law.
4. Transparency and accountability.
5. Mutual benefit without conflict of interest.





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Article (4): Types of Partnerships

International partnerships and cooperation may include, but are not limited to:

1. Partnerships with international and regional organizations.
2. Cooperation with civil society organizations.
3. Academic and research partnerships.
4. Cooperation with professional media institutions.
5. Cooperation with donors and supporting institutions.

Article (5): Partner Selection Criteria

The Organization shall:

1. Verify the reputation and legal and ethical record of potential partners.
2. Ensure alignment between the partner's objectives and the Organization's mission.
3. Refrain from partnering with entities listed on terrorism or sanctions lists.
4. Reject any partnership that compromises the Organization's neutrality or independence.

Article (6): Partnership Approval Procedures

Partnerships shall be subject to the following procedures:

1. Prior technical and legal assessment of the proposed partnership.
2. Obtaining the required institutional approvals.
3. Formalizing partnerships through written agreements or memoranda of understanding.
4. Clearly defining objectives, responsibilities, and scope of cooperation.

Article (7): Partnership Management and Monitoring

The Organization commits to:

1. Monitoring implementation and periodically evaluating partnership performance.
2. Ensuring compliance with internal policies and international standards.
3. Addressing any issues or violations in a professional manner.
4. Amending or terminating partnerships when necessary.





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Article (8): Financial and Funding Aspects

Where partnerships involve financial obligations:

1. All financial arrangements shall comply with financial, transparency, and AML/CFT policies.
2. Any conditional funding that undermines the Organization's independence is prohibited.
3. All financial commitments shall be clearly documented and internally disclosed.

Article (9): Representation and Communication

1. Representation of the Organization in partnerships shall be limited to officially authorized individuals.
2. The Responsible Media Policy shall be observed when announcing partnerships.
3. The Organization's name or logo shall not be used outside the scope of approved partnerships.

Article (10): Termination of Partnerships

The Organization may terminate any partnership in the following cases:

1. Violation of this Policy or related policies.
2. Breach of contractual or legal obligations.
3. Proven conflict between the partnership and the Organization's objectives or values.
4. Legal or regulatory developments that prevent continuation of the partnership.

Article (11): Institutional Responsibilities

- The **Board of Trustees** shall exercise overall oversight of this Policy.
- The **Secretariat** shall be responsible for implementation and compliance monitoring.
- The **International Relations or Partnerships Committee** shall manage partnerships operationally.





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Article (12): Breach of Policy

Any violation of this Policy shall be considered a serious breach and shall be subject to disciplinary and accountability measures in accordance with the Organization's internal regulations.

Article (13): Entry into Force and Review

1. This Policy shall enter into force upon approval by the Board of Trustees.
2. It shall be reviewed periodically every three (3) years or as necessary.

