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1. Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

2. As we take stock of progress made and persisting challenges to the achievement of Agenda 2030, the security challenges that are impacting sustainable development cannot be disregarded.

3. From smuggling activities that plague border areas and illicit markets occupying the physical and virtual spaces, to environmental crimes that endanger livelihoods, the many facets of transnational organized crime have an impeding effect on our ability to sustain development and prosperity.

The Global Policing Goals

4. Out of INTERPOL’s strong belief that there is no long-term security without development; and no long-term development without security, in 2017, the global law enforcement community expressed its support for the UN 2030 Agenda, by launching seven INTERPOL Global Policing Goals.
5. And this support was reiterated this year when INTERPOL Secretary General decided to conduct a review of the Global Policing Goals in parallel to the ongoing implementation review of the SDGs.

6. Each of the seven Global Policing Goals, connects to and supports the implementation of several relevant SDGs.

7. For example, we believe that SDG 17 cuts across all seven INTERPOL Global Policing Goals.

Partnerships for development

8. Multi-stakeholder strategic partnerships have become a prerequisite for the success of our future collective effort to address the development-security nexus in a comprehensive way.

9. This is the reason why INTERPOL’s approach towards strategic partnerships is both:

   o “Multilayered” – covering the national, regional, and global levels – and

   o “Multisectoral” – involving civil society non-governmental organizations, private sector, and academia.
10. A most concrete example of INTERPOL’s collaborative approach, is the fact that we are conducting the review of the Global Policing Goals through an inclusive framework that involves all regional police organizations, in addition to UNODC.

Conclusion

11. Excellencies, Through its Global Policing Goals, INTERPOL stands ready to support its 195 member countries fulfill their commitments and accelerate progress towards a more peaceful, inclusive, and safer world that leaves no one and no place behind.

12. I thank you.