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SIU AND INTERPOL NATIONAL CENTRAL BUREAU SIGNS DATA ACCESS AGREEMENT

The Special Investigating Unit (SIU) and Interpol National Central Bureau (NCB) for South Africa have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that will allow the SIU to have direct access to Interpol's Information System.

The SIU was represented by the Head of Unit, Adv. Andy Mothibi and Interpol NCB was represented by Brigadier Ntime Mokhine. The MoU will strengthen the SIU's investigating tools of trade and access to data systems to combat cybercrimes. Interpol NCB will provide the SIU with up-to-date training resources. The Interpol NCB has a network of data systems in 195 countries that the SIU can tap into.

Brigadier Mokhine explained that the importance of this MoU paves the way for Interpol to build relationships with South African law enforcement agencies while enabling Law Enforcement entities to extend their international reach.

"The SIU has signed an MoU with Interpol. You cannot resolve domestic issues that are impacted by international forces by only utilising domestic instruments," said Brigadier Mokhine.

During the signing ceremony, Adv Mothibi said that this MoU is aligned with the SIU's current cybercrimes and data analytics vision and the previous agreements that the SIU has signed to build data analytics and forensics capacity, especially in the war against transnational organised crimes. This will also provide the SIU

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with access to locate people outside of South Africa that the SIU needs to subpoena for questioning related to investigations.

He also added that: “There is an alignment and synergy, and we look forward to making this work,” said Adv. Mothibi.

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