



USING THE GLOBAL FOCAL POINT PLATFORM

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Asset Recovery Hypothetical Case 1

Case 1: Mutual Legal Assistance Issue

- **Mutual Legal Assistance Request** has been issued by your Country
- **Goal:** Secure evidence
- **Problem:** No reply to your Request

SOLUTION :

- ☐ Create an INTERPOL ad hoc criminal database;
- ☐ Simplify the exchange of secure information through secure means and access;
- ☐ Hold an Operational Coordination Meeting, i.e. Tunisia



Asset Recovery Hypothetical Case 2

Case 2: Cross-border Corruption Case

- Your Country has grounds to **suspect corrupt bank accounts in a third country**
- **Goal:** Determine the way forward, urgent request
- **Problem:** **No formal point of contact** exists in the country for INFORMAL inquiries

SOLUTION :

- ☐ Determine your Focal Point relevant to your investigations
- ☐ Determine the first steps to be taken within the first 24 hrs (Checklist)





Asset Recovery Hypothetical Case 3

Case 3: Immediate Information on Stolen Property

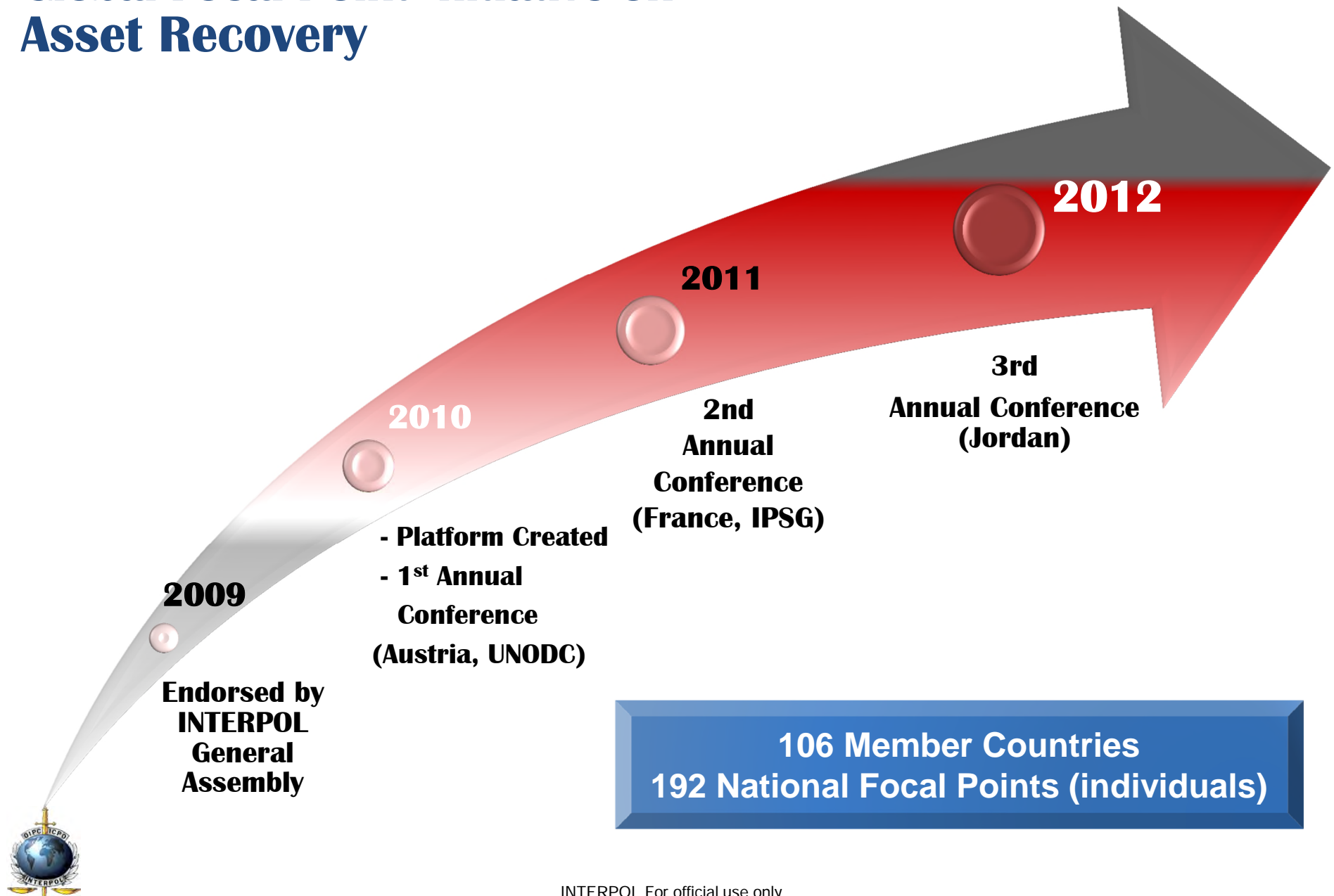
- **Goal** - Immediately inform member countries about:
 - a criminal scheme or transfer of stolen funds
 - temporarily frozen assets by your country
 - the additional information you require
- **Problem:** Urgent and secure dissemination of the information to selected countries

Issue an **international alert** to instantly share the critical corruption-related information by using the **INTERPOL system of Notices**.

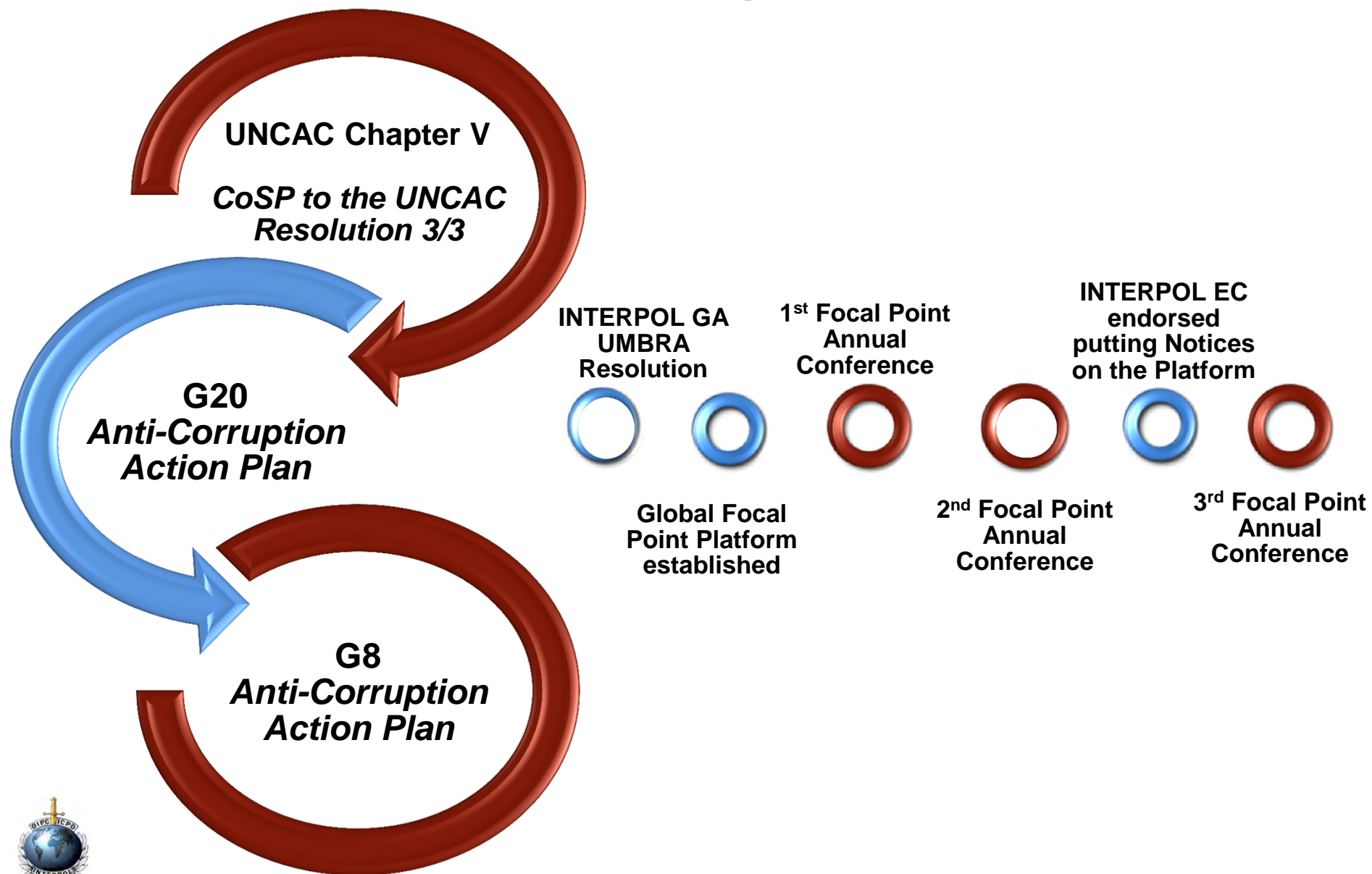
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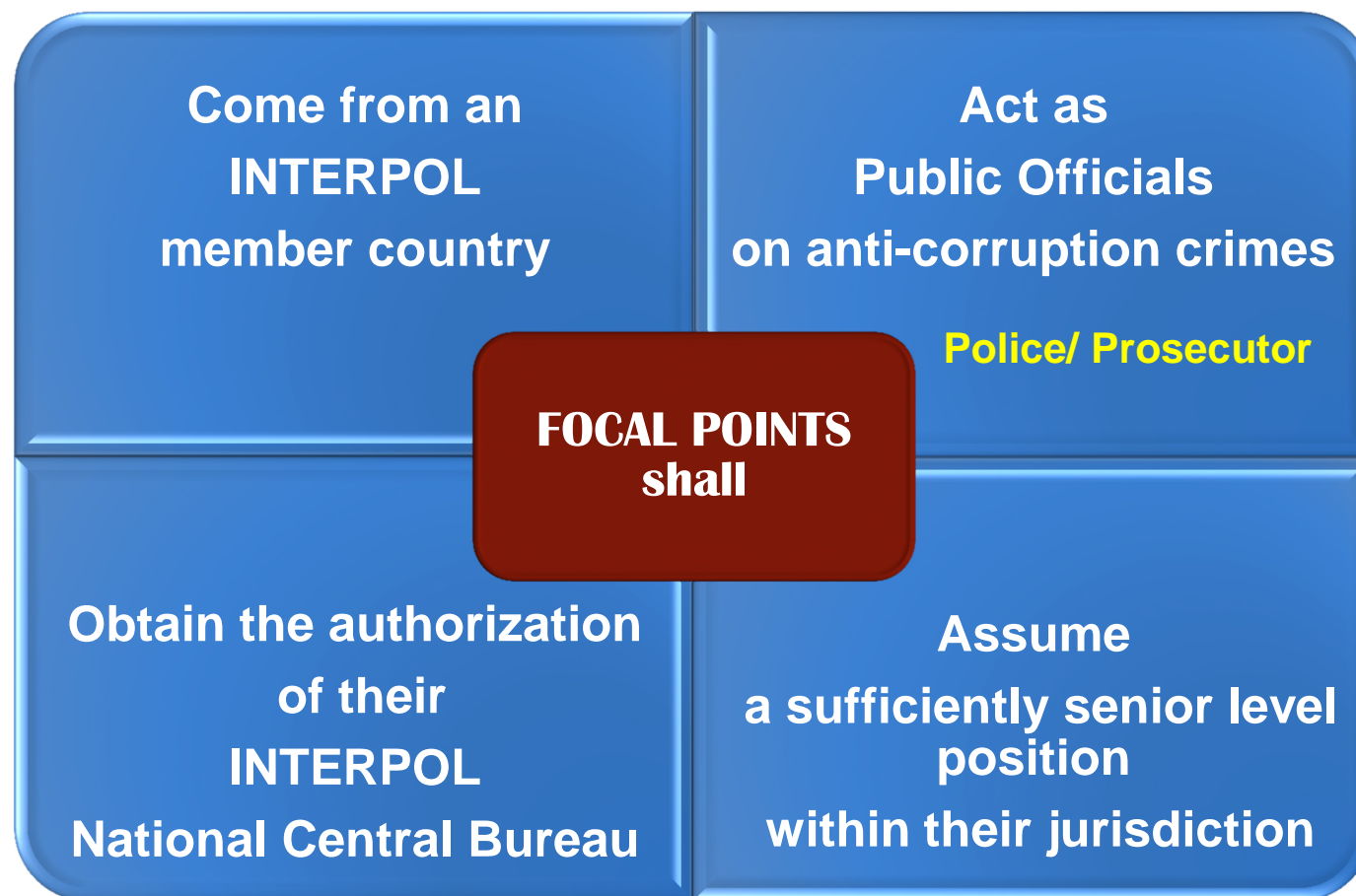
Global Focal Point Initiative on Asset Recovery



Evolution of the Initiative and Legal Basis



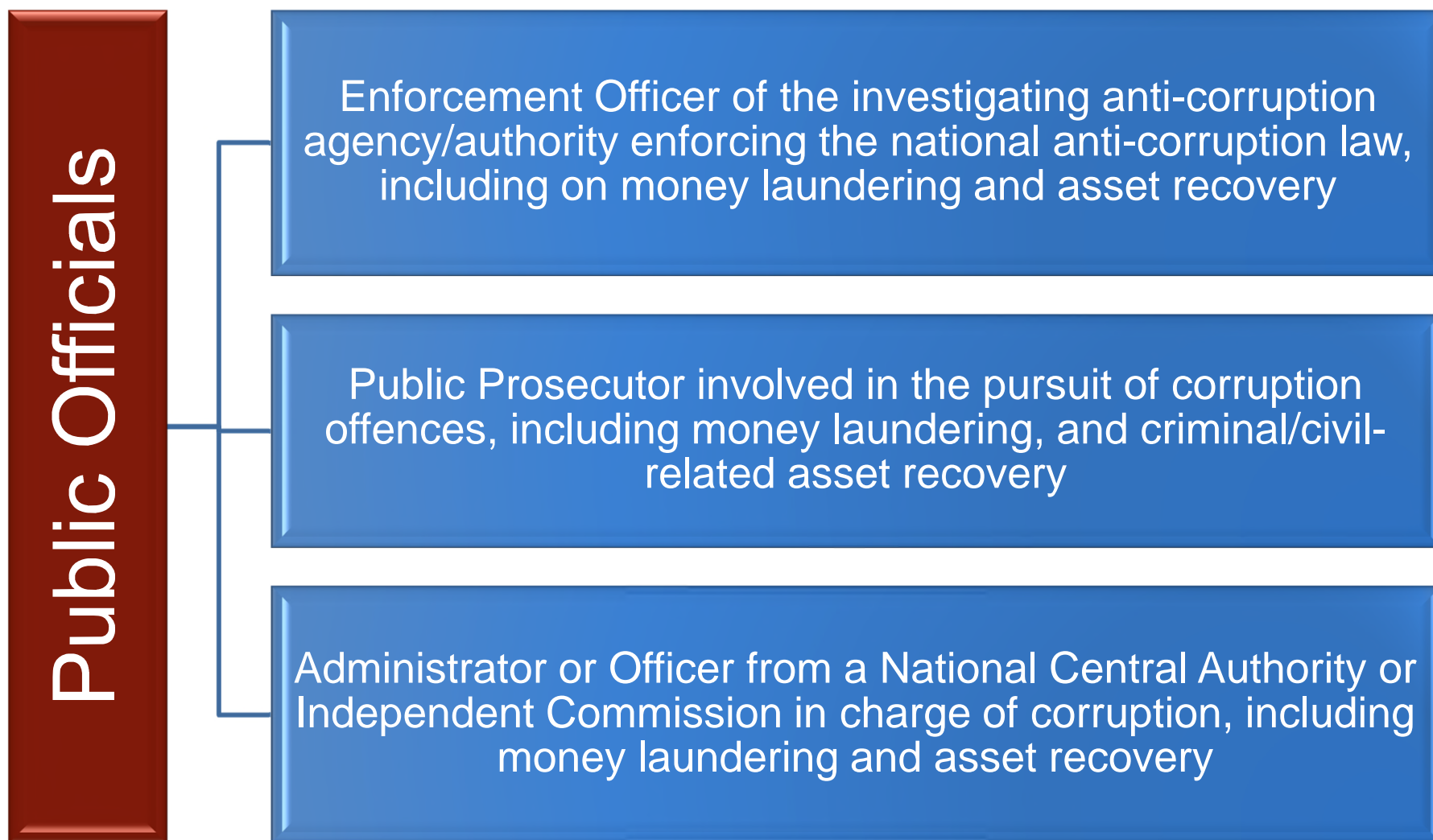
Eligibility Criteria



Neither private sector persons, nor individuals working in an intergovernmental institution or an NGO are authorized to become Focal Points



Eligibility Criteria – Point of Clarification



Global Focal Point Platform – IPSG Current Tools



Contact details of the Focal Points available 24/7 for informal assistance



Support technical information

4 official languages

- Training
- Best practices
- 24hrs Checklist on Asset Recovery



Direct access

INTERPOL Notices on Corruption

Formatted Messages on Asset Recovery



The Focal Point Initiative - IN PRACTICE

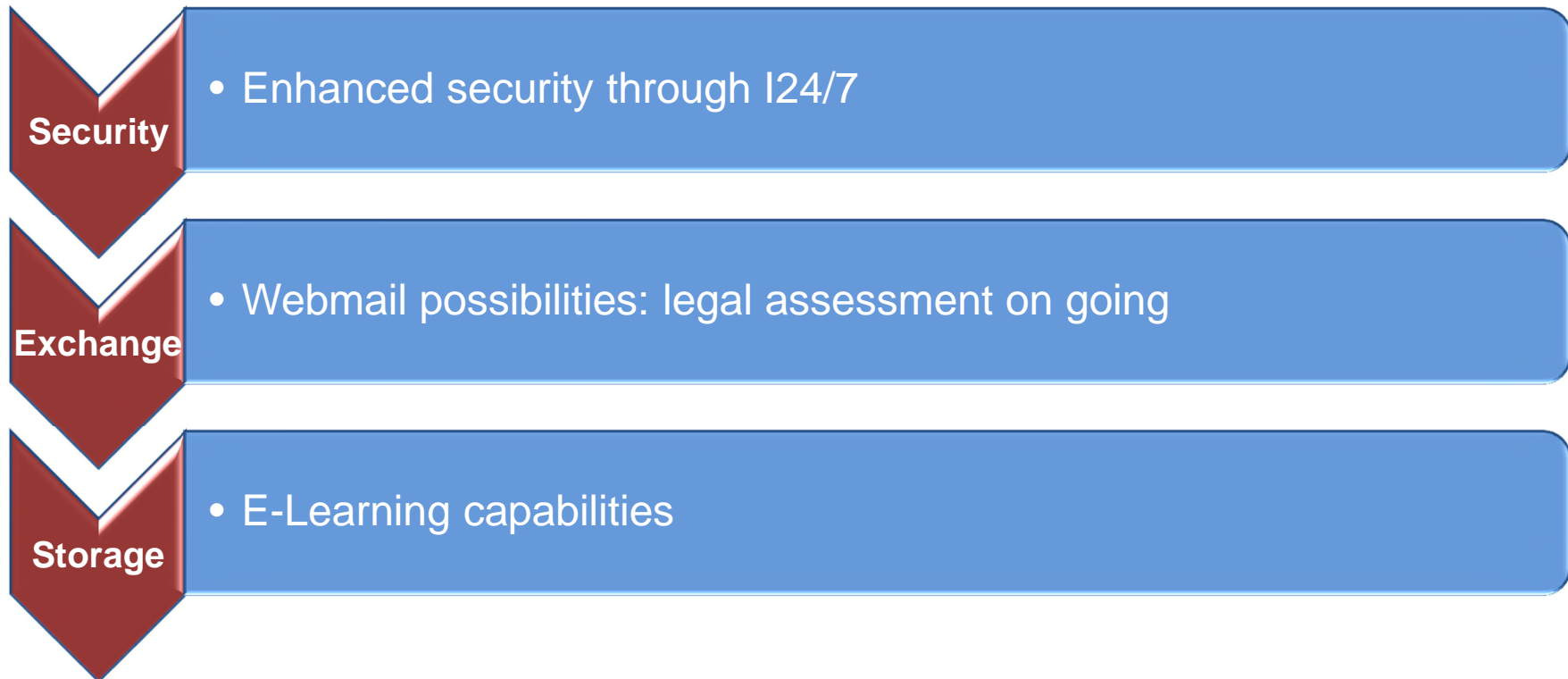
Bilateral (and confidential) sessions between Focal Points

- Discussion of experiences on the operational aspects of the initiative;
- Exchange of information on issues of common interest;
- Acts as a conduit for dissemination of technical products on asset recovery.






Expected Improvements

INTERPOL Asset Recovery Access Card Network ID (ARACNID) Security Access



Assessment of the Use of INTERPOL Notices for Corruption Crimes

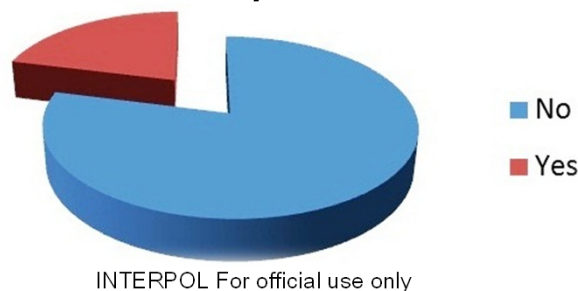
- Limited use of INTERPOL Notices for Corruption-related crimes as of May 2012:

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- Out of the 9554 Notices in circulation at the end of 2011 (only the categories pertinent to corruption crimes):

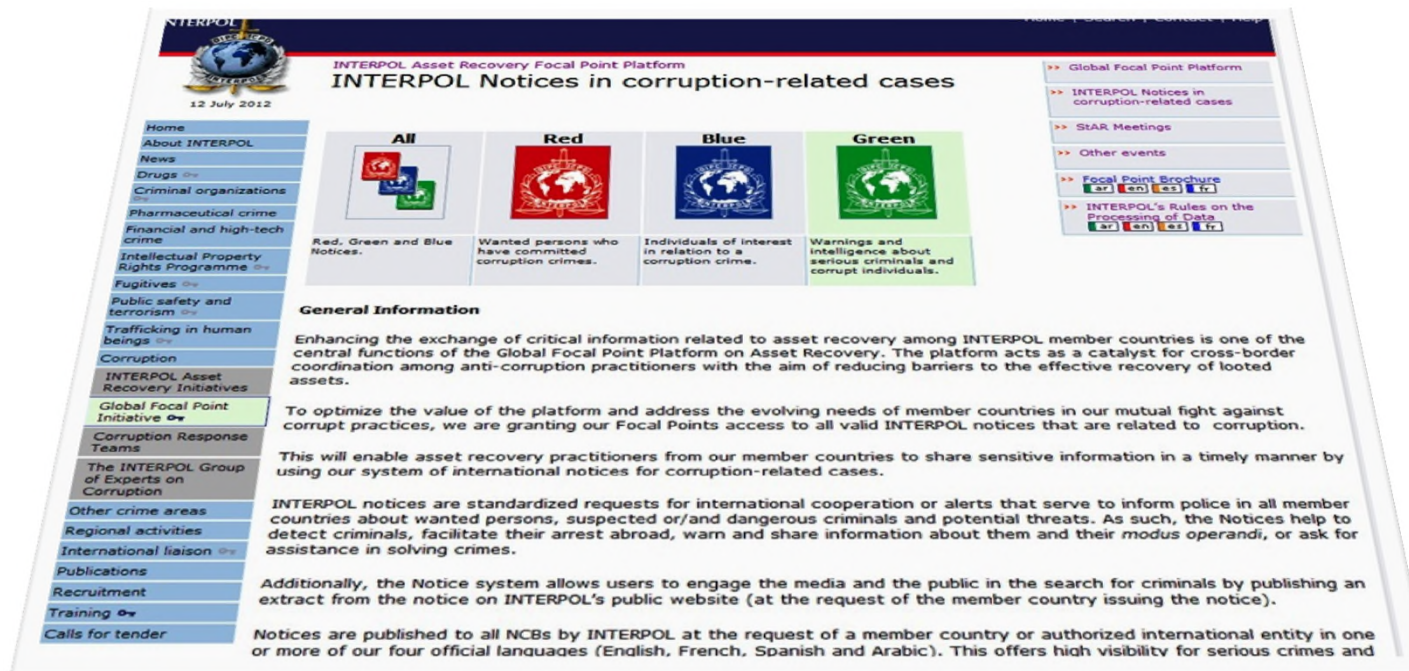
Red Notices	Blue Notices	Green Notices	Purple Notices	Orange Notices
7,678	705	1,132	8	31

- Needs assessment questionnaire: “Do you know how to access or issue INTERPOL Notices on Corruption and Asset Recovery?”



INTERPOL's Response Strategy

- For the **1st TIME** creating a **UNIQUE ENTITY** in the field of asset recovery
- With the explicit approval of the **INTERPOL's Executive Committee**
- Granting **Focal Points** with immediate access to the relevant Notices on Corruption-related Crimes directly **through the Global Focal Point Platform on Asset Recovery**

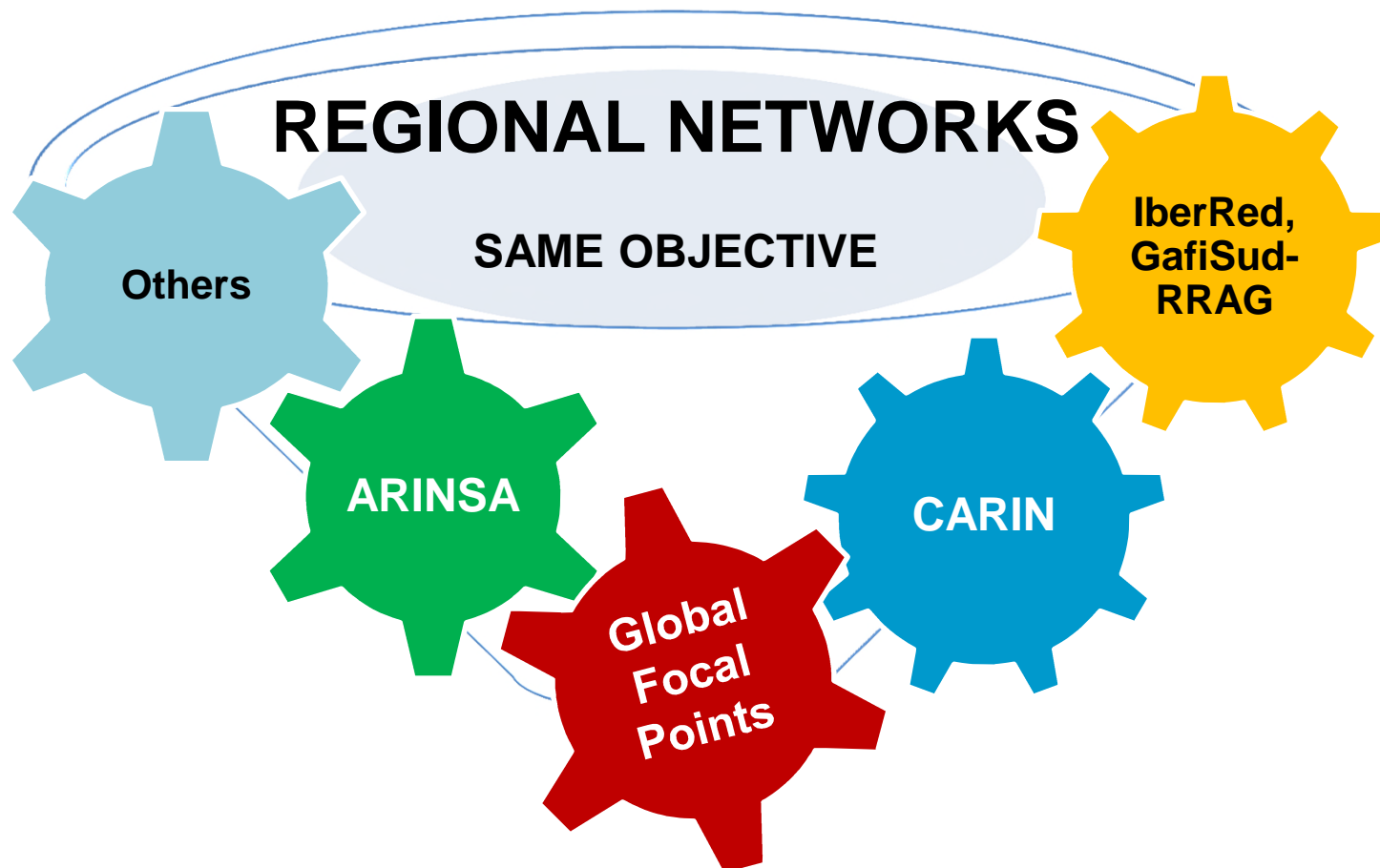


The INTERPOL System of International Notices

- Standardized request for international cooperation or alerts
- Circulated to all Members
 - ❖ Or selected ones
- Offer high visibility for serious crimes and the possibility to share critical case-related information instantly and securely with all INTERPOL member countries



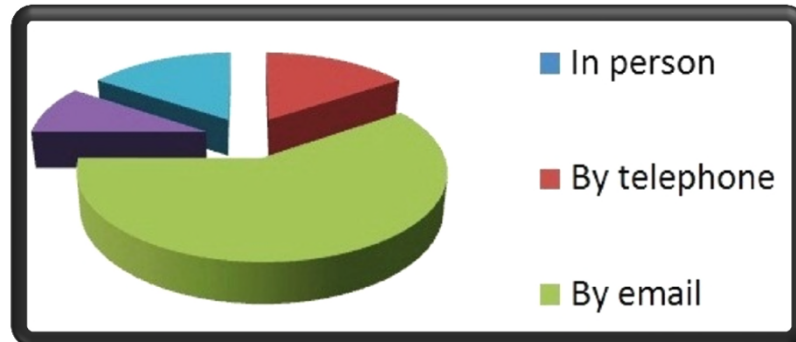
Cooperation: duplicating efforts, independent ?



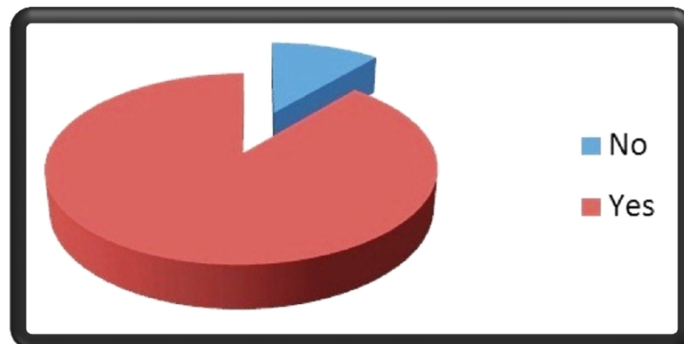
Co-ordinating structure for 190 Member countries, without exclusion

Needs Assessment

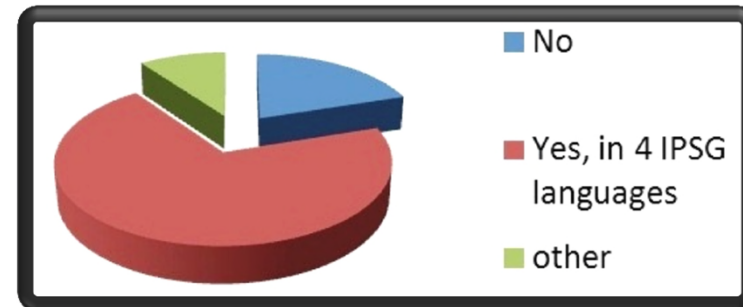
Preferred means of requesting or receiving requests for assistance



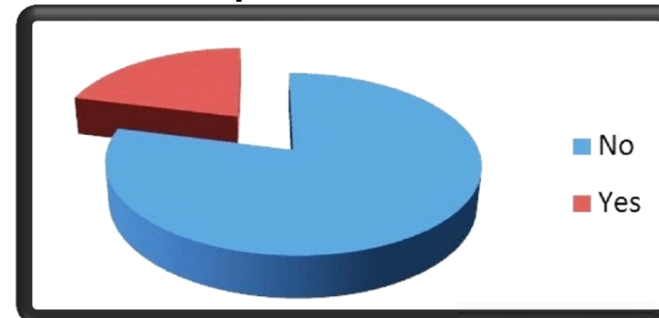
Helpful to have links to open source corruption-related documents from around the world



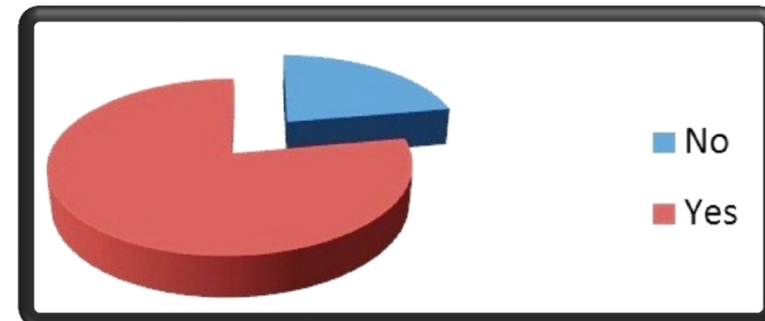
Useful to have all information available on the Platform translated



Do you know how to access or issue INTERPOL Notices on Corruption and Asset Recovery



Would you need to send information by email in an encrypted form to other Focal Points?



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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الاجتماع الثالث لجهات الاتصال لدى مبادرة استرداد الأصول

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RECOVERY OF PROCEEDS OF CORRUPTION FROM MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS
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