

New tartan registered for Interpol

A new tartan has been created to celebrate the world's largest international police organisation – Interpol.

The Interpol 92 tartan includes the colours blue, red and white and is based loosely on the tartan of Scotland's Black Watch Regiment.

The design was created by Scotland's "Tartan Ambassador" Brian Wilton MBE, one of the world's leading tartan designers.

It marks the 92nd Interpol General Assembly, set to take place in Glasgow in November this year.

The design has now been lodged in the official Scottish Register of Tartans in Edinburgh.

Mr Wilton, who has designed more than 200 tartans, said: "I think of all my designs, this one will probably have the greatest universal reach.

"That branding exposure and the tartan gifts and mementoes that the 3000-plus delegates will take back to their countries, will be of huge promotional benefit to Scotland, its tourist industry and, hopefully, the country's tartan weavers.

"The tartan has been commissioned by the Home Office, which has again seen the great international potential of Scotland's iconic tartan and the positive vibes that always surround it."

Interpol – the International Criminal Police Organisation – was founded on 7 September 1923. The General Assembly is its highest governing body and the largest global gathering of senior law enforcement officials and heads of ministries.

Glasgow will host the 92nd Interpol General Assembly from November 4-7.

Hosting the event will give the UK a central role in one of the most important policing and public safety events in the world, bringing together Interpol's 195 members to tackle major crime trends and security threats facing the world, including organised crime, terrorism and fraud.

Registration for the Tartan state: "Interpol was officially created in 1923 at the second meeting of the International Criminal Police Congress in Vienna.

"The 92nd Interpol General Assembly held in Glasgow, Scotland, in 2024 is celebrated with the Interpol 92 Tartan especially designed for the occasion.

"Scotland's Black Watch Regiment upon whose tartan the Interpol 92 is loosely based, was formed in 1739 to 'watch upon the braes', to guard the hills, keep the peace and prevent the widespread theft of cattle'. A very worthy forerunner of today's international police body.

"The distinctive red, white, and blue logo marque of the 2024 Congress is the focal point, balanced by the wide navy-blue band comprising 92 threads – one for each annual Interpol International General Assembly.

"On either side of that navy, woven in Interpol blue, and separated by narrow reds, are threads of 7, 9, 19 and 23 representing 7th September 1923, the precise date of the 1923 Congress and the foundation of Interpol."



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