

# Commissioner the first to represent Australia on Interpol executive

*Commissioner Mick Palmer has become the first representative from Australia to be elected to the governing body of the International Criminal Police Organisation – Interpol.*



*Delegates from around the world at the 66th General Assembly Session of Interpol in New Delhi. Commissioner Mick Palmer was elected unanimously as delegate for Asia on the Executive Committee. He will serve as a member of a committee of 13 for a period of three years. The Executive Committee meets outside of the General Assembly three times a year.*

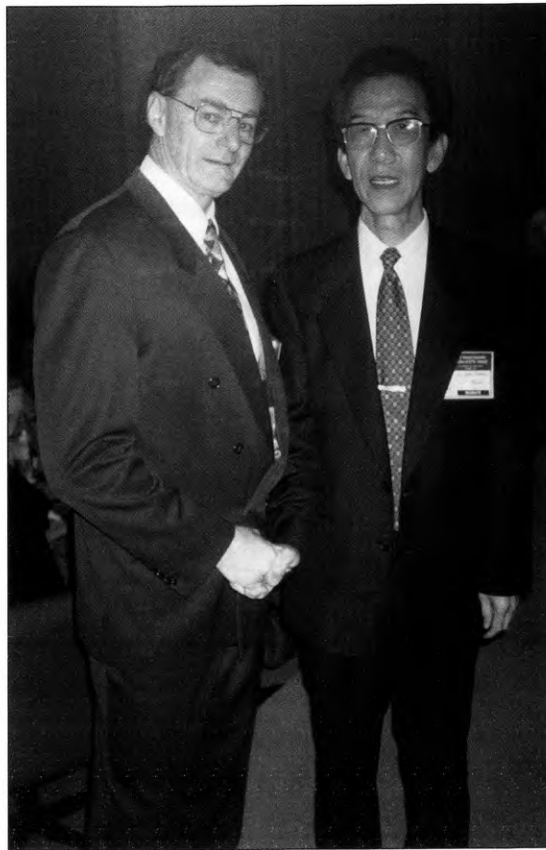
The commissioner was elected unanimously as delegate for Asia on the Executive Committee of Interpol at its 66th General Assembly in New Delhi in October.

Mr Palmer was attending the meeting as the Australian representative to the organisation and was accompanied by Queensland Police Service Commissioner Jim O'Sullivan, Director International Federal Agent David Schramm and Senior Liaison Officer Islamabad Federal Agent Charles Kemp.

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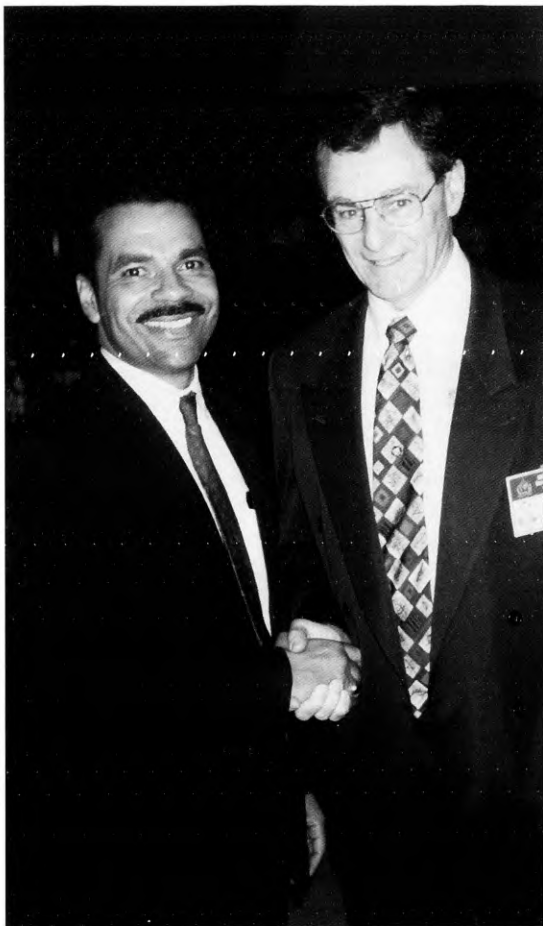
Commissioner Palmer said he believes Interpol will play an increasing role in the fight against international crime and will be extremely important in the lead up to and in the conduct of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. He noted that during the present General Assembly it was agreed to upgrade the international names-of-interest index of Interpol.

The election of Mr Palmer recognises the standing of Australian police, particularly the Australian Federal Police, within the international community.



*AFP Commissioner Mick Palmer with the Assistant Minister, Ministry of Public Security, China, Zhu Entau at the Interpol General Assembly.*

*The Commissioner with Mohammed Jassim Al-Thawadi – the other delegate for Asia on the Executive Committee, also elected at the 66th General Assembly.*



*Mr Palmer with Interpol adviser and former head of the United States delegation (as Under-Secretary of Treasury), Ronald Noble.*

