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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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On 24 October 2007 in San Jose, on behalf of the Institute for Traffic Care (ITC), Mr. Peter ter Meulen signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Head of the Police of the Municipality of San Jose, MSc. Manuel Garron Chacón to establish the IRSA in Costa Rica as the first non-governmental and non-profit road safety organisation in Costa Rica.

The ITC has a UN ECOSOC status and is following the Millenium Development Goals of the UN. One of the goals is to establish NGO's in developing countries and to bring the local representatives in permanent contact with NGO representatives in other parts of the world.

IRSA – Costa Rica will become a member of the IRSA – Association and will introduce a series of training programs for the emergency services, traffic education programs, improvement of crash handling, crash data collection, post traumatic stress syndrome programs, incident management programs and the introduction of advanced speed enforcement and traffic management technology.

The first 5 IRSA enforcement training programs have been presented to the first group (30) of police leaders and specialists in San José during the period 23 – 25 October.

The programs were related to law, ethics, police role model programs, international developments, new technology, software for crash data collection, data analysis and policy, speed enforcement, public awareness campaigns and traffic education programs for primary and secondary schools.

The first courses were very well perceived and appointments are made for follow-up training programs for the national traffic police as well as the municipality police.

The police specialists of IRSA – Spain will coordinate the introduction of the various training and education programs with the police forces in Costa Rica.

The IRSA representatives were rewarded with a special diploma from the National Traffic Police and the Municipality Police of San José for their outstanding contribution to improve road safety in Costa Rica.