Property protection

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1a. International status of CERN

- **Applicable laws**
  “Sous réserve des dispositions contenues dans les Accords (…), les lois et règlements de la Confédération suisse et ceux de la République française sont applicables, les premiers à la partie du domaine (…) qui est située en territoire suisse et les seconds à la partie du domaine (…) qui est située en territoire français.” (CH-F 1965, Art.II)

- **Inviolability of the site**
  “No agent of the Swiss public authorities may enter [the site] without the express consent of the Director-General or his duly authorized representative.” (CERN-CH 1955, Art.3)

- **Immunity from jurisdiction**
  “The officials and experts of the Organization shall enjoy immunity from jurisdiction for all acts performed in the discharge of their duties including any oral or written statements.” (CERN-CH 1955, Art.16)
1b. International status of CERN

- **Authority of the Director-General**
  
  “The whole site on which the Organization exercises the functions for which it was established shall be placed under its authority and control.”
  
  (CERN-F 1965/1972, Art.II2)

- **Co-operation and assistance**
  
  - “The Organization and the Swiss authorities shall co-operate at all times to facilitate the proper administration of justice, secure the observance of police regulations and prevent any abuse in connection with the privileges, immunities and facilities provided for in this Agreement.”
    
    (CERN-CH 1955, Art.23)
  
  - “At the request of the Director-General of the Organization or of the person acting in his stead, the French authorities shall, within the means at their disposal, give the assistance of the necessary police forces to maintain order within the Organization’s site.”
    
    (CERN-F 1965/1972, Art.IV2b)
2a. Statistics for CERN (cases)

Source: CERN Fire Brigade

- Total thefts and incidents:
  - 230 cases
  - +27%
- Thefts only:
  - 200 cases
  - +30%
- Trend 2003:
  - total: 189 cases (-18%)
  - thefts: 146 cases (-27%)
2b. Statistics for CERN (CHF)

Source: CERN Fire Brigade
2c. Statistics for Geneva (total)

Source: Geneva Police

- All offences:
  - 47 185 cases
  - + 7.7%

- Property (fraud, robbery, violent theft and non-violent theft):
  - 38 159 cases
  - + 8.1%
2d. Statistics for Geneva (thefts)

Source: Geneva Police

- Non-violent theft (furtive introduction, breaking, other)
  - 19,512 cases
  - +15%
3. Handling of cases at CERN

- The person concerned reports the case to:
  - CERN’s Fire Brigade
  - his/her immediate supervisor
  - French or Swiss police (non-CERN property)
- Host States Relations Service
  - Member of the Property Protection Group concerned
  - Report to the Director of Administration
  - Involvement of the French or Swiss police
  - Enquiries
- Property Protection Group
  - Coordination (all sectors, Staff Association, Host States Relations)
  - Advise by the French and the Swiss police
  - Report to the Director of Administration
4. Prevention at CERN

- Information (Weekly Bulletin, etc.):
  - Money, valuables and keys
  - Doors and windows
  - Pickpockets
  - Reporting (“A thief caught is a theft prevented”)

- Checks carried out by the Site Guards
  - Identity documents
  - Vehicles
  - Rounds throughout the site

- “Plan Vigipirate renforcé” on the French part of the site