



## Resolution No. 6

AG-2013-RES-06

**Subject:** Encouraging member countries to make optimal use of the INTERPOL Illicit Arms Records and Tracing Management System (iARMS)

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, from 21 to 24 October 2013 at its 82nd session:

RECOGNIZING the value of enabling authorized law enforcement agencies and strategic partners to instantly access, request and submit vital data on the illicit international movement of firearms, as well as firearms that have been used in the commission of a crime,

BEARING IN MIND that iARMS is available to all member countries via INTERPOL's global police communications system (I-24/7),

RECALLING that Resolution AG-2011-RES-11, adopted by the INTERPOL General Assembly at its 80th session held in Hanoi in 2011, urged member countries to make optimal use of the tools developed under the INTERPOL Firearms Programme and requested that NCBs authorize and promote the extension of direct access to INTERPOL's I-24/7 communications system to dedicated national firearms units or other units whose responsibility it is to investigate crimes involving firearms, in conformity with INTERPOL's Rules on the Processing of Data,

EMPHASIZING that complete and accurate data is crucial in order to maximize the effectiveness of iARMS in enhancing member countries' ability to prevent and combat firearms-related crime,

STRONGLY URGES member countries to make effective and efficient use of the iARMS database by populating iARMS with complete and accurate data, notably by:

- entering into iARMS all data on known lost, stolen, trafficked and smuggled firearms;
- ensuring that the data is accurate and regularly updated; and
- promptly and accurately responding to requests for firearm trace information from other countries;

ASKS that, where possible, National Central Bureaus authorize and promote the use of the INTERPOL Illicit Arms Records and Tracing Management System (iARMS) among law enforcement agencies whose responsibility it is to investigate crimes involving firearms, in conformity with the Rules on the Processing Data.

**Approved**