



RESOLUTION

Subject: Child Alert Systems to assist safe recovery of abducted children

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Doha, Qatar, from 8 to 11 November 2010 at its 79th session:

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the problem of abducted children whose lives are in danger,

AWARE of the need to take urgent law enforcement measures in the case of child abduction and to ensure that relevant information is circulated in a timely manner to the appropriate authorities,

CONSIDERING the value and effectiveness of making appeals to the public for information to allow the victims and their abductors to be located,

NOTING the effectiveness of the warning systems introduced in certain member countries,

AWARE that the diverse nature of member countries' national laws makes it difficult to attempt to define a single global child abduction alert system,

CONVINCED THAT INTERPOL can help enhance the effectiveness of Child Abduction Alert systems through the use of its secure global police communications systems, I-24/7, its operational police tools and police databases,

ENCOURAGES those member countries which have not already done so to put in place an alert system to appeal to the public to help save children who are believed or known to have been abducted, and whose lives are in danger;

ENCOURAGES those member countries which have adopted alert systems to contact neighbouring countries in order to establish common procedures for action in the event of cross-border warnings;

ENCOURAGES member countries to share their knowledge and best practices through INTERPOL's dedicated webpage on its secure website;

TASKS the INTERPOL General Secretariat with maintaining and administering the dedicated website;

TASKS the INTERPOL General Secretariat with providing operational assistance to the member countries concerned by immediately circulating yellow notices and communicating all relevant information contained in its databases subject to the limitations and restrictions imposed by the source of information.

Adopted