



Resolution No. 1

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Subject: Strengthening our collaborative response to disrupting financial crime and corruption

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in New Delhi, India, from 18 to 21 October 2022 at its 90th session:

COGNIZANT of the high and growing volume of financial crime committed globally, and of corruption being a key enabling factor and a means to commit crime,

CONSIDERING that illicit financial flows are linked to many types of predicate crime, in addition to fraud and corruption,

CONSCIOUS of the fact that the circulation and flow of illicit proceeds represent a serious risk to citizens in all countries, and that the most effective means of combating transnational crime is to strip criminal organizations of their illegal profits, thus depriving them of their economic and financial power,

RECOGNIZING the importance to strongly attack economic and corrupting power which enables criminal organized groups to penetrate the healthy fabric of civil society and legitimate economy,

BEARING IN MIND the commitment of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (2015) to redouble efforts to substantially reduce illicit financial flows by 2030, with a view to eventually eliminate them, including by combating corruption through strengthened national regulation and increased international cooperation,

NOTING the Financial Action Task Force's (FATF) recommendation for member countries to provide the widest range of international cooperation, including using clear communication channels between authorities and efficient processes for the prioritization and timely execution of requests,

RECALLING the 2000 United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC); and the 2003 United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), which call upon Member States to afford one another assistance in the fight against organized crime and corruption, and to support one another in identifying, tracing, confiscating, freezing, and recovering the proceeds from such crimes,

ALSO RECALLING INTERPOL's General Assembly Resolutions AG-2012-RES-02 on "Promoting international action targeting illicit proceeds", AG-2013-RES-03 on "Promoting international action in the identification, location and seizure of assets" and AG-2015-RES-01 on the "Pilot project concerning a new category of notice specifically devoted to the tracing and recovery of assets ("Silver Notice")",

RECOGNIZING the key role played by INTERPOL in connecting its 195 member countries through its secure communications channels in order to guarantee an improved and more rapid exchange of information, including financial data,

UNDERLINING the unique capability of the INTERPOL Financial Crime Analysis File (FinCAF) to provide actionable intelligence and timely threat assessments using the information gathered from all member countries in relation to financial crime and the organized criminal activities behind them,

STRESSING the need for law enforcement to take rapid and urgent action on cross-border stop payment cases, so as to facilitate the timely and effective interception of illicit funds,

HIGHLIGHTING the added value of specialized networks, such as the INTERPOL-Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Global Focal Point Network (GFPN) on Asset Recovery, to facilitate international cooperation and share expertise in the specific area of financial crime and corruption,

CONFIRMING the importance of National Central Bureaus (NCBs) as the first line of response and subsequent follow-up to disrupt transnational organized crime – including financial crime and corruption – effectively,

NOTING INTERPOL's strong engagement in this area through initiatives, such as establishing the INTERPOL Financial Crime and Anti-Corruption Centre (IFCACC), inaugurated in January 2022, to support police forces in their efforts to tackle transnational financial crime and corruption,

EMPHASIZING that the fight against organized crime, financial crime and corruption requires the collective effort and engagement of all relevant stakeholders, including INTERPOL, government, police and law enforcement, financial intelligence units (FIUs) and the private sector,

CALLS UPON member countries to actively and collectively support the fight against organized crime, financial crime and corruption through the following means:

- (1) Increasing the use of the I-24/7 network and other INTERPOL capabilities to share information on transnational organized crime, including financial crime cases;
- (2) Contributing to INTERPOL's dedicated Financial Crime Analysis File (FinCAF), which will increase the volume of intelligence stored and analyzed, thereby increasing INTERPOL's capability to identify links among individuals, objects, companies, cases and other entities on a global scale;
- (3) Joining and contributing to the INTERPOL-StAR Global Focal Point Network on Asset Recovery to support countries in locating and recovering stolen assets linked to the proceeds of criminal activity, in line with their national legislation;
- (4) Consider providing national FIUs with direct access to INTERPOL's SLTD and Nominal databases, in compliance with the respective national legislation. This could allow FIUs to combine police and information from other sources, thereby enhancing member countries' capacity to combat financial crime and corruption;

RECOMMENDS that an Expert Working group be established to assess various proposals devoted to the exchange of financial information and to the tracing and recovery of criminal assets, including the 2015 General Assembly resolution to create a new INTERPOL notice named Silver Notice;

TASKS the General Secretariat with establishing the proposed Expert Working Group and organizing its regular meetings in order to assist the Working Group in the discharge of its mandate;

TASKS the Expert Working Group with submitting to the General Assembly at its 91st session a report on the outcome of its activity and a proposal for adoption.

Adopted