



RESOLUTION

Subject: Strengthening DVI capacities to assist with disaster response

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

RECOGNIZING the need for individuals to be properly identified after their death,

RECOGNIZING that the identification of disaster victims continues to be of increasing international importance also with regard to police investigations and other legal requirements, and that it is an important element in assisting affected societies to recover from disasters,

BEARING IN MIND Resolution AGN/49/RES/2, by which the General Assembly set up a Working Party to work on the modification of the DVI Form,

BEARING IN MIND Resolution AGN/66/RES/5, by which the General Assembly approved the signature of the Co-operation Agreement entered into with the United Nations,

BEARING IN MIND Resolution AG-2005-RES-07, by which the General Assembly recognized the need to implement an international "Missing Persons/Unidentified Dead Bodies" database at the INTERPOL General Secretariat in Lyon, and recommended the setting up of a Working Group of the Steering Group on DVI Teams,

BEARING IN MIND Resolution AG-2007-RES-10, by which the General Assembly approved the Co-operation Agreement between INTERPOL and the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP),

NOTING the report by the INTERPOL Tsunami Evaluation Working Group regarding the DVI response to the 2004 Southeast Asian Tsunami; the joint report of the General Secretariat and ICMP regarding the DVI response to Typhoon Frank in the Philippines in 2008; and the joint assessment of the General Secretariat and ICMP on response options following the devastating earthquake in Haiti in 2010,

CONSIDERING that the Strategic Plan 2008-2011 of the INTERPOL Standing Committee on DVI included working in partnership with the General Secretariat to ensure the most appropriate and co-ordinated response to international DVI incidents, including the development of an international DVI IT system, and noting the considerable progress that has been made in both respects,

WELCOMING initiatives by member countries seeking to further strengthen the capacities of the General Secretariat to provide assistance in disaster response in particular in the DVI context,

ENCOURAGES the General Secretariat to:

1. Engage in a consultation process with member countries and with international and other organizations, *inter alia*, to seek solutions to ensuring continuing adequate preparedness to respond to DVI events in a focused and targeted manner, and to propose improvements to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of DVI responses in line with existing mechanisms and instruments on the subject;
2. Present a report and recommendations for consideration and action by the General Assembly at its next session in 2011.

Adopted