



Resolution No. 7

GA-2023-91-RES-07

Subject: The right of withdrawal from ICPO-INTERPOL

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Vienna, Austria, from 28 November to 1 December 2023, at its 91st session:

HAVING REGARD to Article 42 of INTERPOL's Constitution,

CONSIDERING the proposal for the amendment of INTERPOL's Constitution submitted by the Russian Federation,

HAVING EXAMINED Report GA-2023-91-REP-11 submitted by the Russian Federation concerning the right of withdrawal from the ICPO-INTERPOL,

BEARING IN MIND Resolution GA-2017-86-RES-01 (Beijing, China) entitled "The process for Membership of INTERPOL",

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the goals of the Organization as stated in Article 2 of the Constitution as being to ensure and promote the widest possible mutual assistance between all criminal police authorities within the limits of the laws existing in the different countries and in the spirit of the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights", and to establish and develop all institutions likely to contribute effectively to the prevention and suppression of ordinary law crimes,

EMPHASIZING the importance of INTERPOL's technical nature enshrined in Article 7 of INTERPOL's Constitution declaring INTERPOL as being a technical police organization dealing with the realities of policing on the ground, which must constantly assess diverse security needs and respond to evolving crime threats throughout the world,

CONSIDERING that the Organization is taking measures to reform INTERPOL's legal framework, namely the work of the Governance Working Group established by the General Assembly pursuant to GA-2018-87-RES-15, on the establishment of a Working Group to Review Legal Provisions Relating to INTERPOL's Governance Bodies ("Working Group on Governance"),

RECALLING that the mandate of the Working Group on Governance is to provide an opportunity for the review, reform and amendment of INTERPOL's legal frameworks and, as noted in GA-2023-91-REP-05, the extensive deliberations of the group already underway in regards to proposed amendments to Article 4 of the INTERPOL Constitution concerning the conditions of membership of INTERPOL,

BEARING IN MIND that the proposal by the Russian Federation to amend Article 4 of the Constitution directly bears on the issues of membership and conditionality thereof under consideration by the Working Group on Governance, and further that the Executive Committee and the General Secretariat have both offered written observations reaffirming the appropriateness of referral of such matters and this draft proposal to the Working Group on Governance,

FURTHER BEARING IN MIND, the position of the General Assembly that proposed amendments to the Organization's legal texts "require particular care to ensure agreement can be reached among the largest number of INTERPOL member countries" (GA-2022-90-REP-09, Appendix 2),

HIGHLIGHTING the critical importance of the role of the Working Group on Governance to conduct comprehensive studies and foster collaborative approaches to enable the widest possible consensus on matters of great impact on the good functioning, process and governance of the Organization,

DECIDES that the proposal to amend Article 4 of INTERPOL's Constitution to include language concerning withdrawal of a member shall be referred to the Working Group on Governance for study and deliberation;

TASKS the General Secretariat, in order to ensure transparency and consistency of the process of withdrawal, to instruct the Working Group on Governance to add this proposal to its programme of work and to report to the General Assembly at its 92nd session on progress on this matter and others pertaining to the issues relating to membership of the Organization within its competence and mandate.

Adopted