



Resolution No. 16

GA-2017-86-RES-16

Subject: Cooperation with the African Union Mechanism for Police Cooperation (AFRIPOL)

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Beijing, China, from 26 to 29 September 2017 at its 86th session:

RECALLING that the Organization's aim to ensure and promote the widest possible mutual assistance between all criminal police authorities as well as to establish and develop all institutions likely to contribute effectively to the prevention and suppression of ordinary law crimes (Article 2 of the Constitution), also encompasses the promotion of cooperation with international and regional police bodies,

RECALLING Resolution AG-2006-RES-07 related to INTERPOL's support for regional policing initiatives,

COMMITTED to enhancing its support to regional police bodies in order to minimize duplication of effort and maximize the exchange of information,

HAVING EXAMINED Report GA-2017-86-REP-13,

CONSIDERING the mutual interest of INTERPOL and the African Union Mechanism for Police Cooperation (AFRIPOL) in establishing an appropriate and efficient framework for their cooperation, including the possibility to exchange information in conformity with INTERPOL's Rules on the Processing of Data,

CONSIDERING the modalities of the cooperation envisaged between INTERPOL and AFRIPOL and the need to ensure timely support to the operationalization of AFRIPOL,

BEARING IN MIND Articles 41 and 22(e) of the Constitution and Article 27 of INTERPOL's Rules on the Processing of Data,

DELEGATES to the Executive Committee the power to approve an arrangement establishing a framework for cooperation between INTERPOL and AFRIPOL, as proposed in Report GA-2017-86-REP-13 to be applied provisionally pending the approval of the said arrangement by the General Assembly at its next session;

EMPHASIZES the need for such arrangement and its implementation to prioritize the complementarity of action and structures of the two Organizations, by:

- Preserving the role of National Central Bureaus in Africa as single national nodes for cross-border police cooperation, within or beyond the Africa region;
- Maximizing the use of existing INTERPOL operational platforms (regional bureaus) and infrastructure (i-24/7 communication network) to support regional police cooperation in Africa; and
- Ensuring interoperability and reciprocity between INTERPOL and AFRIPOL's respective systems;

TASKS the General Secretariat to continue the discussions with the African Union Commission and AFRIPOL in order to identify additional ways for the Organization to support AFRIPOL's operationalization and objectives, and report to the Executive Committee and the General Assembly, as appropriate, the outcome of these discussions.

Adopted