



## RESOLUTION

**Subject:** The red notice system

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 31 October to 3 November 2011 at its 80th session:

BEARING IN MIND that, since they were first introduced in 1946, INTERPOL's red notices have become a reliable point of reference in international police cooperation and have been recognized by police forces throughout the world,

NOTING, however, that the practice with regard to the implementation of red notices, and the legal value attributed to them, vary from one country to another,

CONSIDERING that technological advancements, which included the introduction of the I-link system, also required a review of the red notice system,

MINDFUL of the importance of ensuring compliance of red notices with INTERPOL's rules – in particular with Articles 2(1) and 3 of the Constitution – as well as with the principles of international law,

RECALLING Resolution AG-2009-RES-11, by which the General Assembly decided to establish a Working Group with a view to examining ways to enhance the international status and effectiveness of red notices, including consideration of the merits and value of an international convention on red notices,

FURTHER RECALLING that Resolution AG-2009-RES-11 authorized the General Secretariat to undertake the necessary consultations to assist the Working Group in performing its task, asked the Organization's member countries to examine the minimal judicial guarantees necessary for the publication of a red notice, and invited the member countries to show political will with regard to this matter, which is essential to international cooperation,

NOTING with appreciation the work of the Working Group, and THANKING the participating members for their valuable contributions,

HAVING STUDIED Report AG-2011-RAP-01 entitled "Final Report of the Working Group on Enhancing the International Status of Red Notices",

MINDFUL of the work of the GTI regarding the Rules on the Processing of Information and their Implementing Rules,

APPROVES the recommendations given in Report AG-2011-RAP-01, and while bearing in mind the extreme importance of red notices being available to member countries in all four INTERPOL working languages, as was also underscored by the Executive Committee and the Secretary General, the General Assembly recognizes that in light of the current financial pressures facing the organization it will not be possible to ensure the systematic translation of red notices into the four working languages;

APPROVES the new rules governing the red notice system as set out in the Appendix to the Report;

DECIDES to incorporate the new rules governing the red notice system in INTERPOL's legal framework governing the processing of information via the Organization's channels;

DECIDES that the new rules shall enter into force on 1 July 2012;

CALLS UPON all National Central Bureaus, if permitted under their national laws and in accordance with applicable international treaties, to take the necessary steps to encourage the appropriate authorities in their countries to recognize the red notice as a valid request for provisional arrest pending extradition or to enable similar lawful actions to be taken on the basis of a red notice;

REQUESTS all member countries to inform the General Secretariat about changes to their national laws and procedures concerning the status of red notices and their implementation;

ASKS the General Secretariat to:

- (1) continue to explore ways to ensure that the publication and circulation of red notices conform to the highest standards;
- (2) continue to provide training on the red notice system to NCBs and relevant police and judicial authorities;
- (3) regularly report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the red notice system;
- (4) continue to explore, together with member countries, ways to enable the translation of red notices into the four working languages of the Organization.

**Adopted**