

Resolution No AGN/65/RES/25

Environmental crime - Establishment of national working parties on problems of waste

BEARING IN MIND the following Resolutions on international environmental crime, with particular reference to the international traffic in waste products:

AGN/61/RES/12, adopted at the 61st General Assembly session in Dakar in 1992, deciding to set up a working party under INTERPOL's auspices and asking the General Secretariat to place the subject of environmental crime on the agendas of international meetings on economic crime held by the General Secretariat,
AGN/62/RES/5, adopted at the 62nd General Assembly session in Aruba in 1993, dealing with the transborder movements of dangerous waste,
AGN/63/RES/12, adopted at the 63rd General Assembly session in Rome in 1994, concerning the use of "ECO Messages",

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the experience shared by the delegates at the first three meetings of the Working Party on Environmental Crime, held in Lyons in September 1993, May 1994 and May 1995,

IN VIEW OF the proposal made by the delegates at the Third Meeting of the Working Party on Environmental Crime to establish, in each member country, a national working group (comprising representatives of law-enforcement agencies and administrative control departments) to examine the problem posed by traffic in waste, to co-ordinate law-enforcement measures, to submit proposals to the different departments involved, and to send the General Secretariat annual reports on the subject,

CONSIDERING that these proposals may usefully supplement the "Eco Mes-sage", which focuses on the exchange of information on international cases of environmental crime, and on the collection, storage, analysis and circulation of such information with the assistance of the General Secretariat,

CONSIDERING that international police co-operation is essential in the fight against environmental crime,

CONSIDERING that international police co-operation requires, at national level, close co-operation not only between the different law-enforcement agen-cies but also between those agencies and the administrative bodies concerned,

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Antalya from 23rd to 29th October 1996 at its 65th session:

ASKS the National Central Bureaus to:

(1) Set up, within their Bureaus, a national working party comprising representatives of all the law-enforcement agencies a-nd administrative departments responsible for the control of waste products, in order to carry out the following priority tasks:

ensure greater effectiveness in using the "Eco Message";

collect information and statistics on environmental crime;
ensure that crime analysis of data is carried out in each country;
be attentive to the problems of the law-enforcement agencies and the
administrative departments responsible for waste control and look for ways
of solving those problems;

(2) Ask the national working party to prepare an annual summary report for the General Secretariat.