

RESOLUTION

Subject: Implementation of the INTERPOL Travel Document Security Charter

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Rome, Italy, from 5 to 8 November 2012 at its 81st session:

RECALLING that the ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Doha, Qatar, from 8 to 11 November 2010 at its 79th session, welcomed the creation of the INTERPOL Travel Document, the purpose of which is to expedite border crossings by designated officials carrying out official duties on INTERPOL-related matters, by granting INTERPOL Travel Document holders special visa status (visa waiver, expedited visa or other special visa treatment),

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the progress that has been made by the Organization, with 48 countries having recognized the INTERPOL Travel Document since November 2010,

CONSIDERING the importance of facilitating effective, efficient implementation of the INTERPOL Travel Document initiative and of preserving the security and integrity of the INTERPOL Travel Document initiative,

RECALLING Articles 31 and 32 of INTERPOL's Constitution and the role of the National Central Bureaus,

CONSIDERING that the objective of the INTERPOL Travel Document Security Charter is to preserve the security and integrity of the INTERPOL Travel Document initiative with regard to its implementation, and that its aim is to develop a collective commitment to ensure full implementation of the INTERPOL Travel Document initiative by recalling the responsibilities and obligations of all stakeholders,

CALLS ON all member countries that have not yet recognized the INTERPOL Travel Document to affirm their commitment to facilitating the official recognition of the INTERPOL Travel Document;

ASKS member countries that have already agreed to register to the INTERPOL Travel Document to provide assistance where possible to the General Secretariat in its efforts to help other countries recognize the INTERPOL Travel Document;

ADOPTS the INTERPOL Travel Document Security Charter as an important foundation for ensuring the integrity of the INTERPOL Travel Document and as a major first step in establishing a framework through which the mutual responsibilities of the General Secretariat and member countries in using and managing the INTERPOL Travel Document will be defined and adopted by INTERPOL;

URGES member countries to implement, with immediate effect, the principles set out in the INTERPOL Travel Document Security Charter within the limits of the laws existing in their countries.

Approved