

RESOLUTION

Subject: Processing of information in cases of sexual exploitation and trafficking of children

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 19 to 22 September 2006 at its 75th session:

RECOGNIZING that children are the most vulnerable members of society and need special protection from crime,

RECALLING Interpol's firm long-standing commitment to combating offences against children, evidenced by previous resolutions directed against the sexual exploitation and trafficking of children, especially Resolution AG-2005-RES-09 addressing Web Sites selling Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children on Internet, Resolution AGN/65/RES/9 addressing international traffic in sexual exploitation of children and Resolution AGN/65/RES 10 addressing the improvement of international police co-operation in combating offences against children,

RECALLING the *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child* (1989) Article 19 stating that all children must be protected from all forms of abuse including sexual abuse and Article 34 which provides that all countries will take all appropriate national, bilateral and multinational measures to prevent the inducement or coercion of a child to engage in any unlawful sexual activity, the exploitative use of children in prostitution or other unlawful sexual practices or in the production of any pornographic practice or material,

ACKNOWLEDGING the specific nature of offences of sexual exploitation and trafficking of children committed by individuals or organized criminal networks, especially the extremely high rate of recidivism and the displacement of offenders throughout countries which expose potential victims to real risks,

CONSCIOUS of the need to undertake efforts to prevent offences of sexual exploitation and trafficking of children and consequently to retain in the Organization's databases the relevant information as long as it is considered necessary for international police co-operation, within the limits of the laws existing in the different countries,

CONCERNED also about the continued practice of recruiting and using children as child soldiers in many parts of the world;

CONSIDERING that according to Article 26 (b) and (c) of the Constitution the General Secretariat shall serve "as an international centre in the fight against ordinary crime" and "as a technical and information centre",

RECALLING the principles of Article 14 of the *Rules on the Processing of Information for the Purposes of International Police Co-operation* (AG-2003-RES-04, as amended by AG-2005-RES-15) allowing the postponement of the deadline for examining the need to retain an item of information if certain conditions are met,

HAVING TAKEN NOTE of the Report No. AG-2006-RAP-10 on processing of information in cases of sexual exploitation and trafficking of children,

ACTING under Article 8 of the Constitution:

1. URGES the National Central Bureaus proactively to pursue their efforts in providing the General Secretariat with information - and keep the General Secretariat informed of the updates on regular basis- concerning all crimes of sexual exploitation and trafficking of children, including those committed by individuals or organized criminal networks;
2. REQUESTS the active co-operation of the National Central Bureaus to enable the General Secretariat to retain relevant information as long as necessary for the purposes of international police co-operation, provided that the national laws are observed and that the conditions set up in the rules on the processing of information for the purposes of international police co-operation are still met;
3. TASKS the General Secretariat to actively use its powers under the Constitution and under the *Rules on the Processing of Information for the Purposes of International Police Co-operation* in order to ensure that information concerning sexual exploitation and trafficking of children remain available in the Organization's files as long as is necessary for the purposes of international police co-operation;
4. REQUEST the General Secretariat to examine how the Organization's tools could be made useful in the fight against the recruitment and use of children as combatants, and to report to the General Assembly as to the concrete steps that could be taken in this regard.

Adopted.