

RESOLUTION No. AGN/30/RES/5

SUBJECT:

PHOTOGRAPHING AND FINGERPRINTING
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

TO BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

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the police and minors

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TEXT OF RESOLUTION

IN VIEW OF the reservations made by the Second United Nations Congress for the prevention of crime and the treatment of delinquents (London, August 1960) regarding the fingerprinting of juvenile delinquents,

AFTER HAVING STUDIED AND DISCUSSED the report submitted by the General Secretariat on photographing and fingerprinting juvenile delinquents,

CONSIDERING

- (1) that the fingerprinting and photographing of juvenile delinquents is invaluable and in no way infringes human dignity,
- (2) that investigators should when dealing with juvenile delinquents continue to use this established and useful method, providing that they respect the relevant legal provisions and that all precautions be taken to guard the content of such records against an indiscriminate use,
- (3) that the legal provisions now in force in the various member countries provide juvenile delinquents with sufficient protection,
- (4) that those member countries which have carefully studied the behaviour of juvenile delinquents have noted the preventive effect of fingerprinting and photography,

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Copenhagen from 4th to 9th September 1961 at its 30th session:

Is of the opinion that the practice of fingerprinting and photographing juvenile delinquents should be continued in those countries where it is already used, and be adopted by those member countries where it is not yet in force.
