RESOLUTION

Subject: Promoting victim-centric management of child abuse material at the national level

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

CONSIDERING that the protection of children is a priority for all member countries,

AWARE that child sexual abuse takes place in all member countries,

CONSIDERING that such abuse is often documented and distributed globally over the Internet in the form of images and films,

ACKNOWLEDGING that such child abuse material is evidence of a crime which has been committed, and that the analysis of such material by investigators can lead to removing the child from harm and to the arrest of the offender,

AWARE that this identification of the victim and offender halts further abuse and therefore reduces the levels of child abuse material circulating online,

BEARING IN MIND that INTERPOL coordinates an International Victim Identification Specialists Network where Members analyse material seized with the aim of identifying victims and offenders around the world,

NOTING that INTERPOL's International Child Sexual Exploitation database (ICSE) is a core instrument in this international effort,

NOTING that comparing material seized in different countries, using the ICSE database, is key to the collection of evidence and to reducing the duplication of efforts by law enforcement globally,

ENCOURAGES member countries to establish procedures for the systematic collection and storage of all child abuse material seized or otherwise revealed within their jurisdiction;

ENCOURAGES member countries to establish a National Victim Identification Team dedicated to the analysis of child abuse material and the identification of children and offenders in their own jurisdiction;

URGES that the National Central Bureaus concerned authorize the National Victim Identification Teams to connect to the ICSE database and use it in the analysis of material, thus contributing to the ongoing international effort to identify victims and offenders.

Approved