

RESOLUTION

Subject: Promoting international action targeting illicit proceeds

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

CONSCIOUS that transnational organized crime has acquired a dangerous international dimension as a result of the opportunities provided by the globalization of markets and by new technologies,

CONSIDERING the serious threats posed by criminal organizations to the safety and security of citizens, and the disruptive effects of corruption on economic development and social well-being,

RECALLING the Strasbourg Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime of 1990, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) of 2000, and the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) of 2003, which call upon Member States to afford each other assistance in the fight against organized crime and corruption, and to support each other in recovering the proceeds of such crimes,

NOTING that the circulation and flow of illicit proceeds represent a serious danger to the community in all countries, and that the most effective means to combat organized crime infiltration and corruption is to strip the criminal organizations of their illegal profits, thus depriving them of their economic and financial power,

RECOGNIZING the importance of INTERPOL and its capacity to connect its 190 member countries through its secure communications channels in order to guarantee an improved and more rapid exchange of information, including financial data,

RECALLING Resolution AG-2009-RES-06 adopted by the General Assembly at its 78th session, held in Singapore in 2009, concerning the creation of a dedicated platform for the exchange of information and best practices and of a Technical and Strategic Anti-Corruption Information Database (UMBRA),

CONSIDERING that the INTERPOL General Secretariat accordingly launched the INTERPOL Global Focal Point Platform (GFPP) for exchanging sensitive information among anti-corruption entities and requests for assistance in the field of asset recovery, notably through a better use of INTERPOL notices on cases of corruption for asset-recovery purposes,

FURTHER RECOGNIZING the importance of the three INTERPOL Global Focal Point Meetings on Asset Recovery for the GFPP, designed to promote the sharing of best practices on asset recovery and coordination of operations, and the importance of the recommendations adopted at its latest session in Amman, Jordan, in July 2012,

RECALLING INTERPOL's role in assisting member countries in the fight against organized crime and money laundering by collecting best practices and expert knowledge in the field and disseminating them to law enforcement authorities worldwide, helping specialized units to swiftly exchange operational information using INTERPOL's tools and services, setting up INTERPOL working groups, and bringing together experts,

AWARE of the potential and valuable role the that Organization can play in promoting a common approach in the fight against organized crime and in illicit asset recovery, by disseminating best investigative and judicial practices and developing specific training programmes,

ENCOURAGES member countries to make full use of INTERPOL's tools and services – including INTERPOL's notices and diffusion system – in order to circulate requests for police and judicial cooperation;

ALSO ENCOURAGES member countries to adopt the necessary legislation to equip themselves with specialized tools and bodies capable of targeting criminal organizations through the detection, recovery and management of illicit assets, and to enable the use of recovered illicit assets for institutional or social purposes;

FURTHER ENCOURAGES member countries to speed up as much as possible the operational exchange of relevant information, in order to make more effective the preliminary phase of action aimed at detecting and locating the illegal assets to be seized, and the subsequent phase of confiscating and repatriating such assets. To this end, member countries are encouraged – insofar as their legal systems permit – to set up national multidisciplinary units specializing in gathering information on financial and other assets that would assist the investigating units and the judiciary in searching for and seizing illegal assets. Such a network of specialized multidisciplinary units would facilitate member countries' actions and help to produce useful criminal analysis and comparative reports on the subject;

ENTRUSTS the INTERPOL General Secretariat with the responsibility of supporting the National Central Bureaus in these tasks, in order to develop a new, more effective global strategy to combat transnational organized crime, corruption and money laundering, and recover the criminal proceeds. To this end, the General Secretariat will propose suitable initiatives to member countries aimed at promoting and coordinating specific programmes, and at creating a "shared model" of relevant investigative and judicial proceedings.

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