

RESOLUTION

Subject: The role of Interpol in the international fight
against transnational organized crime

HAVING EXAMINED Report AGN/68/RAP/19, submitted by the General Secretariat, which presents Interpol's action plan for countering transnational organized crime,

RECALLING Resolution AGN/57/RES/17, adopted by the General Assembly at its 57th session held in Bangkok in 1988, and which was entitled "Organized crime", and Resolution AGN/62/RES/8, adopted by the General Assembly at its 62nd session held in Aruba in 1993, and which was entitled "International co-operation and the fight against organized crime",

DEEPLY CONCERNED by the expansion of transnational organized crime and its use of new technology to achieve its ends,

BEARING IN MIND the fact that organized criminal groups are adept at exploiting the differences between States' legal systems to their advantage,

HAVING ACKNOWLEDGED, during its 67th session, held in Cairo in 1998, that countering transnational organized crime is one of Interpol's main priorities in the fulfilment of its general role of co-ordinating police co-operation,

NOTING the similarities between Interpol's role and the objectives enshrined in the United Nations draft Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,

CONVINCED that Interpol is an essential instrument for international police co-operation aimed at achieving the objectives of the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (with regard to the collection and transmission of criminal intelligence, police co-operation, in particular: the creation of standards to improve police procedures; mutual legal assistance and extradition matters), without prejudice to action taken by United Nations specialized agencies and other international or regional organizations involved in the fight against transnational organized crime,

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Seoul from 8th to 12th November 1999 at its 68th session:

DECIDES that the provision of Interpol services within the context of the United Nations draft Convention on Transnational Organized Crime is a high priority under the Strategic Development Plan;

ASKS all Member States to approach their government representatives on the *Ad hoc* Committee in order to seek their support for Interpol objectives;

FURTHER DECIDES that as part of the implementation of the Strategic Development Plan, steps should be taken to establish the conditions needed for co-operation as provided for by the Convention.

Adopted