

RESOLUTION

Subject: Protection of the Organization's distinctive signs

HAVING CONSIDERED Report AGN/68/RAP/11 entitled "Protection of the Organization's distinctive signs",

RECALLING that the Organization's distinctive signs are the initials "OIPC", "ICPO", its name "ICPO-Interpol", its emblem and its flag,

BELIEVING that it is essential to increase protection of the Organization's distinctive signs, which epitomize Interpol in the eyes of the international community,

BEARING IN MIND the Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its sessions in London in 1958 (AGN/27/RES/1) and in Copenhagen in 1961 (AGN/30/RES/6) stressing the importance of such protection,

NOTING that the misuse of these signs has increased, *inter alia* with the use of new technology such as the Internet,

MINDFUL of the need to take urgent action to tackle such misuse, which is prejudicial to the Organization,

BEARING IN MIND the limits to the protection afforded by the 1883 Paris Convention in its scope of application, including the lack of protection against use on a non-commercial basis or as a service name,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the efforts made by the General Secretariat to consolidate protection of Interpol's distinctive signs by registering those signs as European Community trademarks and by taking legal action, and the efforts and help of the NCBs and of the member countries to consolidate such protection,

BELIEVING that the help of the NCBs and of the member countries in providing real, effective protection is both essential and highly recommended,

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

1. RECOMMENDS that the NCBs approach their appropriate national authorities so that:
 - 1.1 All the appropriate legislative and other measures are taken to prevent the use, unless otherwise authorized by the General Secretariat, of Interpol's initials, name, emblem or flag for commercial purposes in the form of a manufacturer's mark or trademark;
 - 1.2 These measures take effect as soon as possible, and at the latest within two years from the date of adoption by the General Assembly of the present resolution;
 - 1.3 Pending implementation of these measures on their respective territories, they do all in their power to prevent any use of the Organization's distinctive signs, *inter alia* for commercial purposes in the form of a manufacturer's mark or trademark, unless otherwise authorized by the ICPO-Interpol General Secretariat;
 - 1.4 Particular attention is paid to Interpol's distinctive signs in the context of new technology, such as the Internet and, more particularly, with regard to the registration of domain names and to the misuse of these signs by means of such technology;
 - 1.5 Preventing the misuse of the Organization's distinctive signs is treated as a matter of urgency;
2. ASKS the NCBs:
 - 2.1 To send the General Secretariat any information about any protection which already exists or which is introduced as a result of this recommendation;
 - 2.2 To inform it of any legal or judicial action taken;

ABROGATES the following Resolutions:

- AGN/27/RES/1 (1958) - Protection of the name "Interpol"
- AGN/30/RES/6 (1961) - Protection of the name "ICPO-Interpol".

Adopted.