



Resolution No. 5

GA-2025-93-RES-05

Subject: Regional Conferences

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Marrakech, Morocco, from 24 to 27 November 2025 at its 93rd session:

PURSUANT to Article 11 of the Organization's Constitution and Articles 53 to 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly,

BEARING IN MIND the Terms of Reference for the Regional Conferences adopted by the General Assembly at its 73rd session (Cancún, Mexico, 5-8 October 2004) by Resolution AG-2004-RES-10, and amended by the General Assembly at its 91st session (Vienna, Austria, 28 November – 1 December 2023) by Resolutions GA-2023-92-RES-03 and GA-2023-92-RES-04,

ALSO BEARING IN MIND Resolution GA-2023-91-RES-04, adopted by the General Assembly at its 91st session, requesting the Working Group on Governance (now the "Committee on Governance") to review the mandates of the General Assembly committees, including the Regional Conferences,

HAVING CONSIDERED Report GA-2025-93-REP-01 submitted by the Committee on Governance on the progress made, and containing its proposed reform pertaining to the mandate of Regional Conferences,

DESIRING to harmonize the functioning of consultation mechanisms of the General Assembly, while recognizing the unique characteristics inherent to each of INTERPOL's regions, which include Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe,

DECIDES that participation in Regional Conferences shall be open to all member countries within the INTERPOL region concerned;

RECOMMENDS the designation by member countries of senior-level representatives to Regional Conferences, including Heads of National Central Bureaus, and encourages the participation of Chiefs of Police or their equivalent rank;

DECIDES that Regional Conferences shall provide a forum for discussion on all matters pertaining to the mandate of the Organization at the regional level;

ALSO DECIDES that, within this mandate, Regional Conferences shall:

- identify and advise on real, specific problems of criminality that transcend national boundaries that are found within all or part of their regions and that are amenable to action or solutions that could not otherwise be achieved through action by individual member countries;
- identify and advise on regional challenges related to police cooperation and the establishment and development of institutions likely to contribute effectively to the prevention and suppression of ordinary law crimes at the regional level;
- consider the formulation of policies on matters of an exclusively regional character or regional positions on global policies within the mandate of the Organization;
- examine and advise on INTERPOL projects carried out in their regions or impacting their regions and the work carried out by the Regional Bureaus offering services to member countries in their regions;
- develop and adopt, if appropriate, a regional strategy as a complement to the strategic framework of the Organization, taking into account the foregoing;
- carry out any other function which may be entrusted to them by the General Assembly;

REQUESTS that each Regional Conference meet at least once every two years and report on its work to the General Assembly at its annual session at least once every two years through its Chairperson;

ALSO REQUESTS that each Regional Conference be chaired by the Vice-President for the INTERPOL region or one of the members of the Executive Committee from the region;

REITERATES the following concerning the participation of Executive Committee members in Regional Conferences:

- The travel and subsistence expenses of the Executive Committee members, incurred by their attendance at the Regional Conference of their respective region, shall be borne by the Organization;
- Executive Committee members may decline to have their expenses borne by the Organization;
- The Executive Committee members shall remain part of their national delegations;

INVITES the Regional Conferences to adopt their own terms of reference, in accordance with Articles 53 to 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly and their mandate, bearing in mind the specific needs of the region and financial implications;

ALSO INVITES the Regional Conferences to fix the date, place, and conditions of their meetings, in accordance with Article 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, their mandate, and terms of reference, and taking into account proposals by member countries;

ASKS the Chairpersons of the Regional Conferences to coordinate, where appropriate, the activities of the Regional Conferences with one another, as well as with the other bodies of the Organization;

RECOGNIZES the importance of the subsidiary bodies known as regional committees, established by Regional Conferences, in supporting the work of these Conferences;

EMPHASIZES that Regional Conferences continue to have the authority to establish regional committees, elect their members, define their mandate and terms of reference, and delegate to them such functions as the Regional Conferences consider appropriate within the limits of their mandate;

ASKS the General Secretariat to organize the meetings of the Regional Conferences and to assist them in discharging their mandate in consultation with the regional committees, when established by Regional Conferences;

ABROGATES the aforementioned Terms of Reference for the Regional Conferences except for its section 5, which shall survive until each Regional Conference adopts its own Terms of Reference.

Adopted: 128 votes in favour, 0 against, 7 abstentions