

RESOLUTION

Subject: The need to populate the SLTD database with complete and accurate data and to standardize national responses to positive SLTD searches

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 19 to 22 September 2006 at its 75th session:

RECOGNIZING the need to use information on stolen and lost travel documents in order to detect, apprehend, and limit the movement of terrorists, fugitives, and other criminals who use fraudulent travel documents,

BEARING IN MIND that IPSG is in the process of deploying technologies that enable law enforcement officers to access the Interpol Stolen and Lost Travel Documents (SLTD) database, inter alia at airports and other border control points,

NOTING that this initiative is endorsed by regional Chiefs of Police networks throughout the Interpol regions, and is also endorsed by numerous international organizations, including the United Nations Security Council, the G8, the European Union, the Organization for the Security and the Cooperation in Europe, the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation, and the International Civil Aviation Organization,

RECALLING that Resolution AG-2005-RES-04 adopted in Berlin, 2005, urged member countries to actively use Interpol's Stolen and Lost Travel Documents (SLTD) database,

EMPHASIZES that complete and accurate data is crucial in order to maximize the effectiveness of the SLTD database in enhancing member countries' ability to secure their borders and protect their citizens from terrorists and other dangerous criminals who use fraudulent passports;

URGES all member countries to recognize the importance of populating the SLTD database with complete and accurate data. Accordingly, all member countries are urged to promptly enter the identification numbers of all stolen and lost travel documents into the Interpol SLTD database (directly if possible, or by sending the information to be input by staff at the General Secretariat if necessary),

URGES also all member countries to ensure that the data is accurate, and to ensure that the data is regularly updated (ideally on a daily basis, but at least on a weekly basis);

ASKS the General Secretariat to set forth policies and procedures, in collaboration with an advisory group of subject matter experts comprised of the NCB representatives and the appropriate national authorities, to standardize and expedite the response from the member countries in case of a positive search against the SLTD database so as to ensure hit confirmation against national records and the appropriate law enforcement action at border points in a timely manner;

ASKS the General Secretariat to circulate a list of national points of contact for the expeditious handling of positive searches of SLTD for border control purposes;

URGES all member countries to adopt protocols and standard operating procedures at the national level to ensure that the above actions are implemented.

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