

**RESOLUTION**

**Subject:** Human smuggling

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

DEEPLY CONCERNED about the growing number of fatalities, particularly at sea, as a result of human smuggling and about the growing impact of organized crime groups involved in these kinds of crimes,

RECOGNIZING the growth of all forms of crimes related to the smuggling of people, and the impact on law enforcement and governments in source, transit and destination countries,

BEARING IN MIND the need to work pro-actively on a multi-agency level both bilaterally and multi-laterally and to establish co-operation with organizations supporting the recovery and re-integration of victims and preventing people smuggling, secure the victims repatriation and motivate their role in the court process,

HAVING NOTED that investigations into criminals who recruit and smuggle people require that each country involved needs to support the investigations to bring those responsible to justice, and make evidence obtained at a national level admissible for use in court abroad (outside jurisdictions),

STRONGLY ENCOURAGES Members of Interpol to support investigations into crime groups smuggling people;

URGES the National Central Bureaus with the support of all relevant Law Enforcement Agencies to increase the exchange of information on criminal networks and offenders involved in all forms of people smuggling through the use of the Interpol Human Smuggling and Trafficking (HST) message;

TASKS the Interpol General Secretariat and its Sub-Regional Bureau, together with the National central Bureaus, to monitor and report on the development in their respective part of the world and co-ordinate working meetings and operational meetings together with IPSP.

**Adopted.**