

RESOLUTION

Subject: Addressing WebSites selling Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children on Internet

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Berlin, Germany, from 19 to 22 September 2005 at its 74th session:

BEARING IN MIND Interpol's firm long-standing commitment to combating crimes against children, evidenced by previous resolutions directed against the sexual exploitation of children, especially resolution AGN/65/RES/9 that recommend that member countries enact legislation making the production, distribution, importation or possession of child pornography criminal offences, and make assistance and incitement punishable in the context of such offences and also consider enacting legislation which would allow the seizure of assets derived from such offences,

DEEPLY CONCERNED about the growth of child sexual abusive images available on Internet, the numbers of children being trafficked for the purpose of producing sexual abusive material, and the increase and complexity of investigations conducted on Internet,

REMEMBERING the UN Convention on the Right of the Child (1989) Article 19 stating that all children must be protected from all forms of abuse including sexual abuse and Article 34 stating that all states will take all appropriate national, bilateral and multinational measures to prevent inducement or coercion of a child engaged in any unlawful sexual activity, the exploitative use of children in prostitution or other unlawful sexual practices or in the production of any pornographic practice or material,

RECOGNIZING the position the General Secretariat has to monitor investigations and ongoing operations into criminal groups that provide child sexual abusive material worldwide and the need for a global approach investigating these crime groups,

NOTING that investigations into websites that provide access to child abusive material require Member States to act together to successfully stop ongoing abuse and to successfully prosecute the criminals responsible for the web sites by supporting the chain of evidence with timely information and to make that information available real time,

STRONGLY ENCOURAGES Member States to introduce national contact points within law enforcement agencies and implement legislation and procedures to help international investigations into websites that sell child sexual abusive material;

URGES the National Central Bureaus of Member States to pursue an increase in the exchange of information on international criminal networks and child sexual offenders involved in all forms of trafficking in children and production of child sexual abusive material, and also report all identified children and offenders from Internet related sexual abuse to the General Secretariat to avoid duplication of effort and work;

ASKS Member States to assist in international investigations and facilitate rapid exchange of information utilizing national legislation to open investigations in all effected countries when called for;

TASKS the General Secretariat with monitoring ongoing operations and empowers IPSG to arrange when necessary international operational meetings where intelligence and investigative information is shared between involved agencies and task forces.

Adopted.