



Resolution No. 4

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Subject: The e-MLA Initiative

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 18 to 21 November 2018 at its 87th session:

RECALLING Articles 2 and 8(d) of INTERPOL's Constitution, as regards the Organization's aims and functions, as well as Article 4 of INTERPOL's Rules on the Processing of Data, pertaining to the scope of the Organization's data processing activities,

MINDFUL OF the Report submitted on the e-MLA Initiative at the 87th General Assembly session, and the conclusions drawn by the General Secretariat as regards the legal feasibility of an e-MLA capability,

NOTING the difficulties impacting police investigations in obtaining evidence across borders in a timely manner to meet the increase in transnational crime and the speed at which it is committed through the use of digital technology,

CONSIDERING the demand and the need expressed by member countries as well as the role of the Organization as a hub for international police cooperation, meaning that it can bolster transnational investigations by police authorities by improving the exchange of information in the framework of international judicial cooperation,

ACKNOWLEDGING that this will further establish the Organization's position as a global communication centre for the transmission of judicial information in criminal matters,

TAKES NOTE of the successful completion of the study into the legal feasibility of the e-MLA Initiative and the support expressed by participating member countries during the course of the e-MLA Working Group meetings that took place in 2017 and 2018;

ENTRUSTS the General Secretariat to further enhance INTERPOL's support to its 192 member countries by creating a global hub for relaying communications for the purposes of mutual legal assistance in a secure, fast and efficient manner by means of state-of-the-art technology, through an e-MLA capability;

TASKS the General Secretariat, in consultation with INTERPOL's member countries, to report on the technical development of the e-MLA System and, accordingly, to submit an appropriate set of rules governing the use of this new INTERPOL capability to the General Assembly for approval at a future session, should adequate funding be guaranteed;

WELCOMES any further interest expressed by member countries in developing the e-MLA System and providing INTERPOL with the necessary support for the development of the e-MLA capability.

Adopted