RESOLUTION

Subject: Adoption of the revised Standard Operating Procedures and Policies (SOPP) for the Stolen/Lost Travel Document Database (SLTD)

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Rome, Italy, from 5 to 8 November 2012 at its 81st session:

RECALLING Resolution AG-2004-RES-02 adopted in Cancún, Mexico, in 2004, urging member countries to actively contribute to the Stolen Travel Documents Database; Resolution AG-2005-RES-04 adopted in Berlin, Germany, in 2005, urging member countries to actively use INTERPOL's Stolen and Lost Travel Documents database (SLTD); Resolution AG-2006-RES-05 adopted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2006, urging all member countries to ensure that the data is accurate, and to ensure that the data is regularly updated as well as urging all member countries to adopt protocols and standard operating procedures at the national level to ensure that recommended actions were implemented; Report AG-2007-RAP-22, entitled "Automated Search Facility for Lost/Stolen Travel Documents (ASF-SLTD) – Standard operational policy and procedures for the use of ASF-SLTD",

RECOGNIZING the growth of the SLTD database and its increased use by INTERPOL member countries in the successful prevention, detection, apprehension and/or disruption of terrorists, fugitives, and other criminals who use fraudulent travel documents,

RECOGNIZING the importance to the integrity and success of the programme of the regular and consistent reporting of lost, stolen and revoked travel documents by participating member countries,

RECOGNIZING the Rules on the Processing of Data adopted by the General Assembly in Hanoi, Vietnam, in 2011 which emphasize the correct updating and deletion of the data inserted into INTERPOL's databases,

NOTING the recommendations made by the SLTD Advisory Committee to improve the existing utility of the SLTD database for use by law enforcement officers at airports and other border control points,

NOTING the technical developments in machine-readable travel document features that the database structure needs to reflect,

EMPHASIZES that, as a normal progression and maturation of the INTERPOL SLTD database, it is essential to continually seek opportunities to improve the effectiveness of the database in order to maximize member countries' ability to secure their borders and protect their citizens from terrorists and other dangerous criminals who use fraudulent passports;

ADOPTS the revised SLTD SOPP and URGES INTERPOL member countries to implement them at the national level, as far as possible;

DIRECTS the INTERPOL General Secretariat to make the appropriate modifications to the technical structure of the database by:

- adding new data fields for the date and place of issuance and for the expiry date of the document;

- implementing the waiver for the initial data retention period authorized by the Executive Committee at its 174th session, whereby SLTD records can be kept for an initial default period of 10 years;

- developing new techniques to record data in the SLTD.

STRONGLY ENCOURAGES member countries to:

- promptly report all stolen and lost travel documents issued by their authorities to INTERPOL, in accordance with established SLTD reporting guidelines;

- ensure that the data submitted to the SLTD is accurate and regularly updated and deleted in accordance with the RPD, the established SLTD and national SOPPs;

- enable routine, automated searches against the SLTD at national border control points applying the search rules;

- respond in a timely manner to inquiries regarding their SLTD records so that potential matches can be expeditiously resolved, in accordance with the established SLTD and national SOPPs.

DIRECTS the General Secretariat through the Border Security Management Task Force to:

- assist member countries with technical and operational issues arising from their participation in all INTERPOL's travel document related databases and services;

- monitor the progress of and member country compliance with established standards;

- report the task force developments, statistics and successes to the membership via the I-24/7 Dashboard.

Approved