

RESOLUTION

Subject: Implementation of INTERPOL's Confidentiality Regime

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

CONVINCED that tackling international crime requires the exchange of police information, some of which is sensitive,

CONSCIOUS that exchanging police information at international level presupposes trust between the partners involved,

RECALLING that the Organization has developed over the years the INTERPOL Information System with a view to facilitating such exchange of police information,

ACKNOWLEDGING that the unauthorized disclosure of data processed in the INTERPOL Information System could adversely affect or compromise law-enforcement action, or could harm the Organization, its staff, its member countries, National Central Bureaus, national entities and international entities or persons concerned by the data,

RECALLING that, pursuant to Article 14.2 of INTERPOL's Rules on the Processing of Data, National Central Bureaus, national entities and international entities are responsible for attributing levels of confidentiality to the data they enter in the INTERPOL Information System,

RECALLING that, in compliance with Article 14.3 of the said Rules, the General Secretariat shall ensure that all data are processed in the INTERPOL Information System according to the attributed confidentiality level,

NOTING that the General Secretariat has put in place a Confidentiality Regime in order to appropriately classify the data processed and to apply the corresponding security measures to prevent unauthorized disclosure,

RECALLING that, in compliance with Article 114.3 of the said Rules, the General Secretariat shall develop the administrative and technical processing procedures which must be observed by its staff for each confidentiality level and that in compliance with Article 114.4, the National Central Bureaus, national entities and international entities shall put in place internal administrative and technical processing procedures, at least equivalent to those established by the General Secretariat, in order to ensure that the confidentiality level is duly observed,

RECALLING that, in compliance with Articles 15.4 and 114.1 of the said Rules, the General Secretariat has defined authorization or security-clearance procedures for its staff for each level of confidentiality,

NOTING that success regarding implementation and application of INTERPOL's Confidentiality Regime, and the appropriate protection of the data processed, depends on the commitment of all partners involved, both at national level and at the General Secretariat level,

URGES all Members, via their respective National Central Bureaus, to:

1. classify any data processed in the INTERPOL Information System using the classification scheme provided for in Article 112 of INTERPOL's Rules on the Processing of Data;
2. fully support the General Secretariat with the enhanced security screening process for its staff;
3. apply the same level of security measures to the protection of the data, when they are processed outside of the INTERPOL Information System, to prevent unauthorized disclosure;
4. draw up, in coordination with the General Secretariat, equivalence tables for the levels of classification they use, whenever necessary and to make national specific expertise available to INTERPOL's Confidentiality Desk.

Approved