GENERAL ASSEMBLY — 81<sup>ST</sup> SESSION — ROME, ITALY — 5-8 NOVEMBER 2012

## RESOLUTION

<u>Subject</u>: Draft Cooperation Agreement between the International Criminal Police Organization - INTERPOL and the State Parties to MERCOSUR and its Associated States

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

BEARING IN MIND Article 41 of the Organization's Constitution,

CONSIDERING that all MERCOSUR Member States are member countries of INTERPOL, a strong partnership with MERCOSUR will not only benefit the South American region but also establish a method for cooperation with MERCOSUR and harmonize the approach to dealing crime in the State Parties and Associated States,

RECOGNIZING the role of INTERPOL's Regional Bureau in Buenos Aires as a secretariat for the Police Chiefs Committee in South America, and the existing similarities in the objectives and priority crime areas between the two Organizations,

AWARE of the need for INTERPOL to work with the regional economic communities and intergovernmental regional bodies working with police and law enforcement agencies in South America,

HAVING EXAMINED Report AG-2012-RAP-11 which sets out a Draft Cooperation Agreement between the International Criminal Police Organization – INTERPOL and the State Parties to MERCOSUR and its Associated States,

DEEMING that the Draft Cooperation Agreement given at Appendix 1 to Report AG-2012-RAP-11 conforms to the Organization's interest and rules,

APPROVES the Draft Cooperation Agreement given at Appendix 1 to Report AG-2012-RAP-11;

AUTHORIZES the Secretary General to sign it.

## Approved