

**RESOLUTION**

**Subject:** Creating an INTERPOL Computer Forensic Analysis Unit

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in St Petersburg, Russia, from 7 to 10 October 2008 at its 77th session,

WELCOMING the swift creation of Working Parties on IT Crime in all INTERPOL regions and the establishment of an INTERPOL Global Learning Centre with a view to collecting, retaining and disseminating training materials, in furtherance of Resolution No. AG-2006-RES-11 on Cyber-criminality (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil),

ALSO WELCOMING the series of cybercrime training courses delivered by INTERPOL's trainers globally,

NOTING the existence of INTERPOL's *IT Crime Manual*, which already provides a comprehensive basis for the content of such training programmes, and that of the European Commission's AGIS project, '*Cybercrime Investigation - developing an international training programme for the future*,' which has already outlined the need for and the contents of such training programmes,

EMPHASIZING the need for first-responder police units to benefit from adequate training on how to handle and access electronic evidence contained in computers and electronic data storage devices,

CONSIDERING recent requests for assistance in computer forensics made to INTERPOL by some of its member countries to assist them in dealing with large amounts of electronic evidence,

RECOGNIZING that it is of vital importance that, as an independent international organization, INTERPOL further develops the capacity to handle such requests for assistance,

BEARING IN MIND that the law enforcement community cannot keep abreast alone of rapid changes in IT and that co-operation with relevant academic circles and private entities ought to be explored further in that regard,

ALSO RECOGNIZING that the constant increase in the number of multinational investigations involving electronic evidence, originating from an increasing recourse to Internet and electronic devices to exchange information and from the increase in the number of people travelling abroad, calls for the establishment of digital evidence standards to be applied globally to ensure the admissibility of such evidence in cross border cases,

ENDORSES the General Secretariat's proposal to create a computer forensic analysis unit in order to:

- identify and provide appropriate training to member countries, especially for first-responder police units;
- to organize and co-ordinate, at Members' request, impartial and independent computer forensics examination assistance missions, including through the identification of relevant experts in the fields;
- to develop international standards for the search, seizure and investigation of electronic evidence;
- to continue to explore avenues of co-operation with major international stakeholders in the field;

NOTES that the INTERPOL draft budget for 2009 includes provisions to fund this unit.

**Adopted.**