

RESOLUTION

Subject: Proposal to discontinue the production of crime statistics

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 19 to 22 September 2006 at its 75th session:

MINDFUL of the previous General Assembly resolutions on crime statistics compiled and published by the General Secretariat, and in particular those resolutions:

- calling on the General Secretariat to obtain from Members' crime statistics, bearing in mind that a set of international statistics accordingly compiled will provide a useful general overview without being able to accord any absolute value to such statistics,
- recommending that the Heads of NCBs make all necessary arrangements to respond in as regular and accurate a manner as possible to requests to provide statistics,
- and inviting the General Secretariat to continue to publish compilations of international crime statistics, on the basis of the data passed on by the NCBs, bearing in mind that the publication every two years and then every year of a compilation of international crime statistics by the General Secretariat would be of particular interest to police bodies, those administrations responsible for crime policy issues and criminological research,

CONSIDERING however the difficulties encountered by the General Secretariat in the compilation and publication of international crime statistics as presented in Report AG-2006-RAP-08,

NOTING the efforts made by the General Secretariat to resolve said difficulties in particular by calling upon external assistance to improve the value of statistics,

ENDORISING the conclusions of Report AG-2006-RAP-08 which have demonstrated to date that:

- the solutions envisaged and efforts invested do not make it possible to remedy the difficulties encountered, be they operational or financial,
- the number of Members or NCBs which provide statistics, as well as the quality of statistics provided, are insufficient to ensure the compilation and publication of statistics which fulfil in a satisfactory manner the requirements of accuracy and reliability,

- consequently, the compilation and publication of statistics is of limited interest for international police co-operation,
- finally, the publication of statistics is likely to create difficulties in the way they are used,
- maintaining the compilation and publication of Interpol's international crime statistics is therefore not desirable and that as a consequence, it is recommended that this activity should be brought to an end;

RECOMMENDS, therefore, for all these reasons that the compilation and publication of international crime statistics be stopped and that as a result, Members and the NCBs be exempted from sending crime statistics to the General Secretariat with a view to their annual compilation and publication;

and ABROGATES Resolutions AGN/16/RES/11, AGN/17/RES/13, AGN/18/RES/9, AGN/20/RES/7, AGN/45/RES/6 and AGN/63/RES/20.

Adopted.