

RESOLUTION

Subject: Internet related drug offences

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

ACKNOWLEDGING that an increasing number of criminals are using the Internet to gather or exchange drug-related information that is intended to facilitate the production, use, or sale of scheduled and non-prescription drugs,

RECOGNIZING that results from the operational work in national projects show that it is possible to combat drug trafficking on the Internet with proactive methods and a general knowledge of computers and Internet,

RECOGNIZING as well that the majority of member countries are aware of the potential threat that the Internet could present in relation to drug offences,

CONSIDERING that member countries and international organizations have recommended that Interpol should develop effective methods to meet the challenge posed by Internet related drug crime (Recommendations Nos. 41 and 55 of the International Narcotics Control Board Report 2005, Replies to IPSG Questionnaire No. 2005/156/SC/DCO/DA/LB),

BEARING IN MIND the necessity to support the General Secretariat's efforts to provide a flexible approach to connecting each NCB to the Interpol Global Communication System I-24/7, and to assist the Secretariat in implementing the new system quickly while together identifying the least costly solutions and thereby eliminating unnecessary administrative costs (Resolution No. AG-2002-RES-03),

CONVINCED that the amount of Internet related drug information available to Members' police authorities and to the General Secretariat is currently not adequate to reliably establish links and identify criminals,

CONVINCED as well that the current level of training made available to Members' police authorities and prosecution offices is not sufficient and that there is an urgent need to address this deficiency,

CONFIDENT that Interpol's network of National Central Bureaus, combined with the General Secretariat and Interpol's secure communication and database can clearly add value to other resources currently available to drug and cyber crime investigations.

ENCOURAGES all National Central Bureaus with the support of all relevant law enforcement agencies to:

- create contact points responsible for investigating Internet-related drug crime;
- nominate qualified trainers, and host workshops;
- support IPSTG's working group on Internet-related drug crime; and,
- expand I-24/7 access to internet-related drug crime investigators from authorized national institutions responsible for law enforcement and outside of the National Central Bureau.

Adopted.