

RESOLUTION

Subject: Trafficking in Human Beings

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Berlin, Germany, from 19 - 22 September 2005 at its 74th session:

DEEPLY CONCERNED about the growth of all forms of crimes related to Trafficking in Human Beings, and the growing impact of organized crime groups involved in these kinds of crimes,

BEARING IN MIND Interpol's standing commitment to combat Trafficking in Women for Sexual Exploitation, evidenced by the previous resolution AGN/65/RES/8 that recommends that member countries strive to improve their investigations and increase their international co-operation on trafficking related crimes in order to bring offenders to justice,

HAVING IN MIND the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and Protocols on sale of Children, child prostitution, child pornography and the UN Declaration on the elimination of Violence against Women,

RECOGNIZING the need to work pro-actively on a multi-agency level both bilaterally and multi-laterally and to establish co-operation with organizations supporting the recovery and re-integration of victims and preventing trafficking in order to secure the victims repatriation and motivate their role in the court process,

HAVING NOTED that investigations into criminals who traffic human beings for all kinds of servitude require that each country involved needs to support the investigations to bring those responsible to justice, and make evidence obtained at a national level admissible for use in court abroad (outside jurisdictions),

STRONGLY ENCOURAGES Members of Interpol to identify a specific point of contact within their NCB to support the chain of evidence with timely information and implement legislation and procedures to help international investigations into crime groups that traffic human beings;

URGES the National Central Bureaus of Members of Interpol to increase the exchange of information on international criminal networks and offenders involved in all forms of trafficking in human beings, through the use of the Human Smuggling and Trafficking formatted message instituted on the I-24/7;

ASKS Members of Interpol to make assistance and incitement punishable in the context of such offences and also consider enacting legislation which would allow the seizure of assets derived from such offences;

TASKS Interpol's Sub-Regional Bureaus to monitor and report on the development in their respective part of the world and co-ordinate working meetings and operational meetings together with IPSP.

Adopted.